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The District of Mission is very pleased to announce the appointment of Richard Konarski as the new Chief of Police (OIC) for the RCMP Mission Detachment. Inspector Konarski brings 33 years of policing experience to the community. Inspector Konarski will be joining us from the Langley detachment where he served as Operations Support Officer responsible for Serious Crime, Crime Analyst, Community Policing, Strategic Planning, Communications, Training and Victim Services.

Inspector Konarski has resided in Mission for the last 12 years and has a strong community connection.

"We are very fortunate to have such a qualified individual as Inspector Konarski serve as Chief of Police in our community and continue the good work of the Mission RCMP detachment," commented Mayor Atebe.

"The people of Mission have a champion for their community's most vulnerable groups in their new police commander," says Assistant Commissioner Norm Lipinski, head of the RCMP's Lower Mainland District Regional Police Service. "Inspector Konarski's victim-centred domestic violence investigation protocols and training have been incorporated BC-wide. And he's a proven advocate for a wide variety of youth-at-risk initiatives and programs. I hope Mission citizens will join me in a warm welcome for Inspector Konarski. I and other Lower Mainland police commanders look forward to working closely with him, as we work daily to keep our communities safe."

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