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The Office of the Auditor General of B.C. Announces New Deputy

VICTORIA – The Auditor General of B.C., Michael A. Pickup, has announced the appointment of Sheila Dodds as deputy auditor general and equity, diversity, and inclusion lead.

"Ms. Dodds has an extensive background in performance, financial and internal audit," said Pickup. "She brings a lot of diverse, lived experience to this new role, including experience supporting performance audit in Barbados, Tanzania and Guyana."

While the deputy auditor general role is not new, the equity, diversity, and inclusion lead is. In this role, Dodds will not only oversee full operations of the office but will be tasked with leading staff in a modern, inclusive way that reflects the diversity of the people of B.C, while ensuring staff deliver on commitments to the Legislature and the people of B.C.

Pickup added: "Engaging a diverse workforce in an ever-changing world will be key to fully delivering on our office's mandate to provide independent assurance to the Legislature. I have confidence that in this new appointment, Ms. Dodds will greatly aid in doing just that."

Dodds began her career as an articling student with the Office of the Auditor General in 1985, obtaining her designation as a chartered accountant in 1988. Between 1988 and 2010, when she rejoined the office, she worked for a national accounting firm, the Province of B.C. - where she obtained a Certified Internal Auditor designation, and the Audit Commission in the UK. From 2015 to 2020, Dodds was also a member of the CPA Canada Public Sector Standards Task Force 2020. She is currently a member of the CPA Canada Competency Map Task Force.

Preceding the announcement of Dodds' appointment, Pickup also thanked Russ Jones, the outgoing deputy auditor general, for his over 40 years of service with the office and wished him well in his future endeavours.

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