

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## The Royal BC Museum welcomes a new member to its executive team

The Royal BC Museum has recently welcomed a new executive member to its team of professionals: Executive Financial Officer Melissa Sands, CPA, CA.

Sands has spent 25 years working with numbers to identify opportunities to make organizations more successful through the development of better financial and management systems. She holds a BA in Economics and an MBA. Sands is a Chartered Accountant and Certified Financial Planner. She is excited to join the Royal BC Museum, where she feels there is always something new and exciting to learn.

As Executive Financial Officer, Sands leads and directs all aspects of financial management in support of the vision, mission, values and goals of the museum and archives. She provides strategic advice in relation to financial planning, budgeting and **forecasting, management of the Royal BC Museum's financial resources and strategies for the Royal BC Museum's capital investments.**

She is the key point of contact with the Board of Directors with regard to financial and funding arrangements, and reports on financial performance and management issues to the Board of Directors, CEO and Executive, Treasury Board and other stakeholders.

Sands and her husband recently returned from a four year adventure in Singapore where she was Director of Finance and Operations for a large retail company. Prior roles include Chief Financial Officer with a Victoria business, Principal Associate with an investment firm and Accountant with Price Waterhouse. She brings significant leadership experience and a proven track record of success in achieving measurable outcomes.

Sands joins a first-rate [executive team](#) at the Royal BC Museum: Chief Executive Officer Prof Jack Lohman, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy CEO Angela Williams, and Vice President of Collections, Knowledge and Engagement, Dr Scott Cooper.

The entire team is dedicated to promoting the living landscapes and cultures of British **Columbia through the museum and archives' feature exhibitions, permanent collections, public programming and community engagement.**

### About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Looking



to the future, by 2017 the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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