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Lidstone & Company and Murdy & McAllister announce merger

Law firms combine to meet growing client needs in British Columbia and Alberta

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Lidstone & Company and Murdy & McAllister will join forces as of July 1, 2018 to give clients the combined benefit of two first class, client-focused, local government law firms in British Columbia and Alberta.

Murdy & McAllister is a Vancouver based law firm focused exclusively on local government law matters. Since its establishment in 1980, Murdy & McAllister has provided legal advice and representation to municipalities, regional districts, greater boards and other government entities and agencies across British Columbia. The firm's lawyers have significant practical experience acting on behalf of local governments, and in providing advice and advocacy in an efficient and timely manner that is sensitive to political and policy concerns.

Lidstone & Company is a leading local government law firm with a national reputation with offices in Vancouver and Calgary and lawyers certified in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and Ontario.

Both law firms have deep experience in local government law matters including governance, labour and employment law, land use and development, procurement and construction law, finance, taxation, litigation, bylaw enforcement, Aboriginal law, environmental law, expropriation law, regulatory law, and complex transactions.

"This is all about meeting growing client needs in the local government realm," says Chris Murdy, a founding partner of Murdy & McAllister. "The lawyers from both firms complement each other in client services areas, vision and culture. It is a very exciting day for our clients, lawyers and staff".

"Whether you call it synergy, teamwork or something else, there is something special that happens when the top gun lawyers of two great law firms come together with one common goal of being the best of the best to provide legal leadership for local government clients," says Don Lidstone, Q.C., a founding partner of Lidstone & Company.

Each firm's clients will continue to receive the same high quality, responsive and efficient service from their current key contact lawyers and will also gain access to advice and other services from lawyers who specialize in labour and employment, taxation, finance, governance, planning and development, risk management, Indigenous and environmental law, litigation and enforcement, construction law and procurement, as well as mediation and alternate dispute resolution. Murdy & McAllister's current clients will continue to be served directly by the same primary liaison lawyers who have served them to date and will also have access to the Lidstone lawyers who specialize in areas of local government law.

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