

Naval Commander Tacks Into New Waters With Ocean Networks Canada

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Vancouver, BC ? An experienced logistician with the Royal Canadian Navy has been named the first finance and operating officer at Ocean Networks Canada (ONC), the University of Victoria?s world-leading ocean observatory facility.

Effective 4 July, Naval Commander Brigitte Boutin will lead the organization?s strategic financial operations plan as it delivers ocean science and big data to Canada and the world.



"Brigitte is an enthusiastic and engaged leader, and I'm thrilled she?s joining our team," says

ONC president and CEO Kate Moran. "She's a perfect match for this position bringing 25 years of public sector leadership experience, and the knowledge and expertise to link financial discipline, strategic insights, and creative strategies to make optimal use of our resources."

Boutin has held several senior naval positions, including deputy-comptroller of the Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters; financial comptroller and commanding officer of the Headquarters for Maritime Forces Atlantic in Halifax; and most recently, base administrator officer at the Canadian Forces Base in Esquimalt.

Boutin has also represented Canada at a number of committees and working groups on armaments, logistics and financial resources, including the Joint Delegation of Canada to NATO in Brussels.

After 26-plus years with the Navy, Boutin says she's excited to pursue new challenges and advance her skillsets while applying an intrinsic ability to anticipate issues and navigate workable solutions.



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"The ocean is Earth's last frontier, and it is incumbent on all of us to better understand and communicate the vital role it plays in our daily lives," she says. "It is complex, we depend on a healthy ocean for the air we breathe, for food, for economic prosperity. And yet the ocean also possesses forces of unthinkable destructive power. It's vital that we more clearly understand all of these processes."

Boutin is also a chartered public accountant with an MBA from The Royal Military College. Her portfolio at Ocean Networks Canada includes leading the finance, communications and marketing, and business operations teams.

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