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City of Chelsea Announces Appointment of Derik Bollinger as Utilities Director

Chelsea, MI – The City of Chelsea is pleased to announce the appointment of **Derik Bollinger** as the City's next **Utilities Director**, effective Monday, March 9.

Bollinger has been a valued member of the City of Chelsea team and brings nearly two decades of experience in municipal infrastructure, public works operations, and utility system management. His deep understanding of Chelsea's infrastructure systems, daily operations, and community priorities has made him a trusted leader within the organization.



Before his appointment, Bollinger served as **Superintendent of the Chelsea Department of Public Works**, overseeing daily operations, coordinating infrastructure maintenance, managing capital improvement projects, and supporting citywide public works initiatives. In that role, he worked closely with multiple city departments and contractors to ensure reliable service delivery and effective project implementation across Chelsea's utility and infrastructure systems.

As Utilities Director, Bollinger will oversee the City's **water, wastewater, and**

electric utility operations, guiding maintenance, reliability, and long-term planning for the essential systems that serve Chelsea residents and businesses every day. His leadership will be especially important as the City advances several major infrastructure initiatives, including planning for the future expansion of the City's **water treatment plant** and continued investment in Chelsea's utility systems.

"Derik's promotion to Utilities Director is truly a gift to the City of Chelsea. It reflects not only his exceptional talent and commitment, but something deeper about who we are as an organization. In Chelsea, we believe in our people. We invest in them, we stand behind them, and when someone shows the heart, judgment, and skill to lead, we are proud to lift them up. Moments like this remind me why Chelsea is so special. This community and this team are one of a kind in the very best ways." Elle Cole, City Manager

The City invites the community to join in congratulating Derik Bollinger on this well-deserved appointment as Utilities Director.

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The City of Chelsea, Michigan, comes alive through its rich cultural scene, festivals, and historic Main Street, where boutique shops and cozy cafes line the way. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy the scenic beauty of nearby parks and trails. With excellent schools, a supportive business climate, and proximity to Ann Arbor and Jackson, Chelsea offers a unique balance of small-town values and modern conveniences, making it a place where you belong and a place that feels like home for generations. www.city-chelsea.org.

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