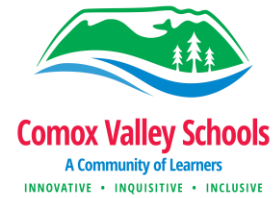


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### **New storytelling platform launched to celebrate school district Staff**

**Comox Valley, B.C.** – Comox Valley Schools Human Resource department launches a new storytelling series designed to celebrate employees and showcase diversity and inclusivity.

In its role as the guardians of employees, HR is focused on supporting students by serving the needs of staff. The HR team are now taking this critical role one step further to showcase the unique and valuable contributions staff provide in the delivery of education.

In 2019, the District launched Staff Cast, a podcast series of brief interviews with a school district employee. The series has been augmented with a new video format hosted by Sheila Powell, Manager of Human Resources.

*Sharing with Sheila* is a video podcast series that will continue throughout the school year to celebrate our diversity and to highlight the unique contributions of our employees within their individual working environments.

In the first episode, Sheila sits down with Vanessa Schreurs for an interview about her unique 23-year experience working in the District as a senior custodian. Vanessa openly shares her story about hearing loss and its impact on her work life.

The first episode launched just before the commencement of the Winter Break and can be found online at [http://bit.ly/SD71\\_Employment](http://bit.ly/SD71_Employment) or on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/KX-LQhTbS9M>.

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