

Long-time City CAO Fred Manson Announces Retirement

In a closed Council meeting on October 5, Fred Manson, CPA, chief administrative officer of the City of Parksville announced his retirement effective December 31, 2015.

Fred Manson joined the City of Parksville as the City's director of finance, was appointed chief administrative officer in July 2004 and has most capably guided the operations and issues of the City since then. During the past 21 years, he served seven different mayors and many more councillors providing professional expertise, a valued sounding board and calm guidance as councils work to fulfill their strategic vision for the City.

In 2012, Mr Manson, received a 25 year long service recognition award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) which recognized his dedication to public service and municipal government in a management role.

On behalf of all members of Council, Mayor Marc Lefebvre thanked Fred Manson for his many years of service and for his contributions to the City. "Mr. Manson has been an exceptional CAO for the City of Parksville. His integrity, professionalism, honesty and genuine care for the community are the hallmarks of his tenure. He has earned the respect of Councils, City employees and the community, leading the City through growth and change over the past two decades," said Mayor Lefebvre. "We all wish him a long and healthy retirement."

"When I look back on my thirty-five year career in local government, most important to me has been the opportunity to work with such dedicated and talented people, both within our organization and in the community, said Manson. "It has been an honour to serve Parksville Councils and residents. I have enjoyed my time with the City and the trust and support provided me by Council, staff and the community; together we accomplished many key initiatives for the City of Parksville."

Council is now considering options for Mr Manson's replacement.

The CAO provides corporate leadership and direction in the overall management of City departments and also reviews and approves all recommendations made to Council. The CAO works closely with Mayor and Council and is Council's principal advisory on matters of policy. The CAO is responsible to Council for the efficient administration of all municipal activities and ensures Council's goals and objectives are achieved by providing strategic leadership. The CAO oversees the preparation of annual budgets, programs and policy initiatives and establishes standards and priorities to ensure the consistent delivery of high quality City services. A critical responsibility for the chief administrative officer is to ensure all operations are conducted within the framework of the City's values and goals. As well, the CAO liaises with other government agencies, provincial and municipal to provide Council with the information they require to develop plans and policies.

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