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Long-serving City Employee Announces Retirement

After 31 years of service to Campbell River, the City's clerk and general manager of corporate and protective services has announced his intention to retire at the end of October.

"As Mayor, it's part of my job to help the community celebrate the good times and face challenges, and the news I share this evening inspires very mixed feelings – because we have to announce the retirement of a loyal and long-serving City official," said Mayor Charlie Cornfield at the Aug. 24 Council meeting.

Bill Halstead was appointed city clerk (June 11, 1979), and most recently (beginning in July 31, 2008) served as general manager of corporate and protective services. He intends to retire Oct. 29.

"Councils over these many decades have relied on Bill's vast knowledge, skills and expertise to provide guidance through all kinds of contract and policy decisions," the Mayor added. *"Bill has helped shape our community in too many ways to describe in one Council meeting. His professionalism and service to the City of Campbell River are more appreciated than I have words to say."*

The Mayor added that he was pleased to learn Halstead and his family intend to remain in Campbell River. *"This organization is a tightly-knit team, and even though some threads are longer lasting than others, eventually, they too deserve a rest,"* the Mayor concluded, thanking Halstead for his dedication and commitment to serving the community.

"While Bill's long history with the City cannot be replaced, we knew his retirement would inevitably occur," says Acting City Manager George Paul. *"On behalf of Bill's coworkers and colleagues, we extend sincere congratulations to Bill and his family for a long and happy retirement."*

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