



## **Mayor Walter Jakeway**

Walter Jakeway was born in Vancouver in 1952. He was raised and educated in the West Point Grey area. In the early 1960s, after his parents acquired property on Mayne Island, many of his early life adventures were spent on the Gulf Islands.

An engineering education at UBC fit the family pattern as a grandfather, father, and an older brother had worn a similar career path.

As a newly-wed couple, Eunice and Walter moved to Campbell River in 1976 so he could work as a mechanical engineer at the Crown Zellerbach Elk Falls Pulp and Paper Mill. Eunice was an RN at the Campbell River and District Hospital. Together they had three children; boy, girl, boy.

Walter learned construction by physically building, shaking, wiring and plumbing most of their first house in Campbell River, which is also their retirement home.

Walter continued to work as a mechanical project engineer until 1982 when he moved into the Elk Falls mill maintenance department as a mechanical crew foreman.

In 1991 the family moved to Mackenzie, BC where Walter was promoted to Engineering/Maintenance Superintendent in the Mackenzie pulp mill.

From 1993 to 1995, while continuing to work in Mackenzie, Walter commuted to Simon Fraser University in Vancouver every other weekend and earned a Masters in Business Administration degree.

In October 1995, the family moved again as Walter had a new role as the Engineering & Maintenance Manager at the M/B Alberni Specialties paper mill in Port Alberni BC. Later he became the Operations/Production Manager.

All three children attended universities and the results are: a professional (RPF) forester, an (RN) nephrology nurse, and a professional (PEng) mechanical engineer.

In mid 2003, Walter transferred back to Elk Falls Mill in Campbell River.

He served on the Comox Valley Habitat for Humanity board in 2005/06 and led the demolition/salvaging activity of the former Willow Point firehall/search and rescue building to supply the valley Restore. This seeded Habitat for Humanity's start-up in Campbell River.

Early 2007 saw construction begin on a moderate sized steel warehouse to become a self storage / RV storage facility at Middle Point in north Campbell River. This business was intended to serve as a retirement project. In late December 2007, Walter received open chest heart surgery in Victoria, BC. This was the result of a virus contracted several years prior while on a bus tour of England.

Now retired, and having survived that medical adventure, he resolved to build one more house, which began at the storage facility seven months later.

Since then, semi- retirement has been a pleasant phase of Eunice and Walter's lives.

Walter's political activity began in the late 1970s when he appeared before Campbell River city council and in the local newspaper concerned about construction excavation and slope stability of the inclined bank geology below and to the north and south of their ridge property.

Amazingly, this similar issue still reoccurs before council every few years.

Eunice and Walter have lived in Campbell River on and off for more than 35 years, and they both appreciate and enjoy the diverse population and awesome variety that this community offers.

It will be both an exciting challenge and honour to serve the city as Mayor and to work together with the 2011-2014 Council.