

Mayor Roger McDonell

Elected Mayor of Campbell River, BC in November 2005, this is Roger's first step into municipal politics.

Born in Brandon, Manitoba, he moved to British Columbia in 1978 to pursue a keen interest in the ocean. His attraction to scuba diving and photography lead to a career that combined journalism and technology. For decades before entering politics, Roger shared the news and told North Island stories through local and national publications, radio stations and broadcasters, including CTV, Global, CBC, CBS and other national and international companies. He's still the go-to guy for regional nature and wildlife video footage.

An active community supporter since his arrival in Campbell River, Roger has followed other business interests as well, even serving as the manager of the local chamber of commerce from 1986 to 1993.

Roger's appreciation for the nature of the North Island and an entrepreneurial spirit help him represent and lead the people of a seaside community that calls itself the "Salmon Capital of the World".

Mayor McDonell is a Director on the Island Coastal Economic Trust, the Comox Strathcona Regional District and is the Chair of the Spirit of BC – Campbell River committee. He is also the city's ex-officio representative on Vancouver Island North Film Commission and Tourism Campbell River and Region Society.

Community involvement, prior to being elected Mayor, includes:

- Chamber of Commerce (Past Director & General Manager)
- United Way (Campaign Chair)
- Hospital Foundation (Founding Chair)
- Campbell River & British Columbia Crime Stoppers
- Community Futures
- Campbell River Rotary Club
- CRTV
- Island North Film Commission
- Campbell River Community Network
- Ripple Rock Power Squadron