



News Release

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Passing of George Paul major loss to local government

George Paul, Campbell River's acting City Manager from January 2010 until February 2011, passed away August 6 from pancreatic cancer.

"George came out of retirement to assist Campbell River as acting City Manager during a very difficult time, and over 14 months he put immense effort into re-building the City Hall team that was working through extraordinary budget issues as well as staff shortages and numerous legal issues," says City Manager Andy Laidlaw. "In the face of immense change and challenges, George shared his wealth of experience and became the City's rock, the stabilizing influence that helped turn what were then very tough times into the good times we see coming our way now."

"George sacrificed some very valuable and prime time working with us. We pulled him away from important retirement years with his family. He tried to balance his sense of community duty with family time, and we were truly fortunate to be the beneficiaries," says former City Councillor Roy Grant, a close friend of the Paul family.

"Words are not enough to express our appreciation, our admiration and our gratitude for George's professional expertise during the highs – and lows of that time," says former Mayor Charlie Cornfield. "George's passing reminds us to keep things in perspective because life can be far too short."

George Paul worked in British Columbia local government for more than 37 years, primarily in Penticton (1976 – 1989) and Prince George (1989-2006).

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