



City Manager Penny Ballantyne Resigns

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VICTORIA, BC — Penny Ballantyne has resigned from the position of City Manager for the City of Victoria.

After suffering a great personal loss when her husband passed away last year and after long and thoughtful deliberation, Ms. Ballantyne has decided that her focus needs to be on her family.

“Penny introduced new standards of professionalism and public service at the City of Victoria and her departure will be felt deeply,” noted Mayor Dean Fortin. “In less than two years, Penny built a cohesive team of senior managers, was integral to the work of the Mayor’s Task Force on Homelessness, renewed the City’s commitment to professional communications and has positioned the City to be an employer of choice in a competitive job market,”

Fortin added, “I speak for all of Council when I say we are disappointed that we won’t be able to work with Penny on the exciting work ahead of us. She has put the systems and people in place for us to do great things at the City and we wish her and her family all the best.”

“When I was appointed City Manager two years ago, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to work in support of the best City in Canada. I could not have foreseen, when I accepted this position, that life had other plans for my family,” said Ms. Ballantyne. “I have to accept that my life has changed in a profound and permanent way and that it is time for me to take care of myself and my family.”

Prior to joining the City of Victoria, Ballantyne held various Deputy Minister positions with the Government of the Northwest Territories. She rounded out her management and communication experience as President and CEO of the Workers’ Compensation Board of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, and served as a consultant to various government authorities.

A professional recruitment firm will assist in the search for the next City Manager and in the interim, Assistant City Manager, Mike McCliggott, will assume the role of top administrator. Ms. Ballantyne will transition her files over the coming weeks.

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