



## Councillor Sonya Chandler to Resign from City Council in September

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VICTORIA, BC — Councillor Sonya Chandler has informed Mayor and Council that she will leave her position of City Councillor effective September 1, 2010. Sonya has been awarded a full scholarship to pursue a Masters Degree in Sustainable Health Systems in the European Union.

"Sonya has been an enormous asset to this Council and has strongly advocated for improved civic engagement and sustainability initiatives," noted Mayor Dean Fortin. "We wish her and her family the best within this exciting opportunity."

"This decision has been a difficult one to make, but as I consider my future, both professionally and personally, as well as my long-term contributions to this community, I believe this to be the right decision," noted Councillor Sonya Chandler. "I want to thank the community members who entrusted me with this role. I thank you for the chance to have been a part of this city in such a vital way and for the privilege of representing you on Victoria City Council."

Chandler added, "I would like to say heart-felt thanks to all the City staff, from our top Directors, to our front line, who work tirelessly for the community; to my Council members from whom I have learned so much and have truly enjoyed getting to know; and to the Mayor whose commitment to this community is steadfast and whose leadership is commendable."

Under the Community Charter, a by-election is required to fill a vacancy that occurs due to the resignation of an elected official between general local elections. The by-election would occur in 2010.

Councillor Chandler is in her second term of Council and has lived in Victoria since 1995. She is a registered nurse with a University of Victoria Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Distinction. She currently works at the Victoria Youth Clinic, an interdisciplinary medical clinic for high risk, street involved youth.

Sonya, her husband Roy, and their toddler Penelope-Rose, currently live in Victoria West where she was active in the Vic West Community Association from 2001 to 2005.

**ATTACHED:** Letter of Resignation

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