

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FROM: CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER
SUBJECT: **OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023 RETIREMENTS**
PURPOSE: To inform Council of the following retirements from October to December 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report titled “October - December 2023 Retirements” dated January 29, 2024, from the Chief Human Resources Officer, be received for information.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

Not applicable

2.0 BACKGROUND

This report recognizes the many years of loyal and dedicated service delivered by individual City of Burnaby employees who retired in the months of October to December 2023. During the past three months, there were 14 retirements for a combined total of 375 years of service to the citizens of Burnaby. The following is a summary of each employee’s career with the City.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

On behalf of Council and the citizens of Burnaby, the Mayor has sent each retiree a letter of appreciation for their valuable service and extending best wishes for their retirement years.

OCTOBER RETIREMENTS

Fiona Avakumovic

Fiona retired from employment with the City on October 24, 2023, after 33 years of service. She commenced employment with Burnaby on December 9, 1991 with the Planning and Development Department. From July 24, 2000, to her retirement, Fiona held the position of Planner 2.

Wendell Cornwall

Wendell retired from employment with the City on October 31, 2023, after 35 years of service. He commenced employment with Burnaby on June 22, 1981 with the Parks Recreation and Culture Department. From February 16, 2004 to his retirement, Wendell held the position of Operations & Events Supervisor.

Dan Moniz

Dan retired from employment with the City on October 31, 2023, after 15 years of service. He commenced employment with Burnaby on March 31, 2008 with the Engineering Department. From October 24, 2016 to his retirement, Dan held the position of Truck Driver – Solid Waste & Recycling.

Denis Nokony

Denis retired from employment with the City on October 18, 2023, after 35 years of service. He commenced employment with Burnaby on October 31, 1988 with the Parks Recreation and Culture Department. From April 1, 1995 to his retirement, Denis held the position of Director Cultural Services.

Theresa Pickford

Theresa retired from employment with the City on October 31, 2023, after 10 years of service. She commenced employment with Burnaby on April 22, 2014 with the Planning and Development Department. From July 31, 2023 to her retirement, Theresa held the position of Council Support Assistant.

David Samson

David retired from employment with the City on October 31, 2023, after 32 years of service. He commenced employment with Burnaby on June 3, 1991 with the Fire Department. From May 2, 2016 to his retirement, David held the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

NOVEMBER RETIREMENTS

James Olynyk

James retired from employment with the City on November 30, 2023, after 27 years of service. He commenced employment with Burnaby on February 3, 1996 with the Parks Recreation and Culture Department. From February 3, 1996 to his retirement, James held the position of Parks Janitor.

Louise Rusch

Louise retired from employment with the City on November 30, 2023, after 35 years of service. She commenced employment with Burnaby on October 29, 1983 with the Parks Recreation and Culture Department. From May 9, 2011 to her retirement, Louise held the position of Coordinator Recreation Programs.

Anthony Morgan

Anthony retired from employment with the City on August 31, 2023, after 34 years of service. He commenced employment with Burnaby on April 20, 1989 with the Engineering Department. From October 1, 2018 to his retirement, Anthony held the position of Foreman 3 – Roads & Drainage.

Rizaldy Tambanillo

Rizaldy retired from employment with the City on August 31, 2023, after 19 years of service. He commenced employment with Burnaby on September 27, 2001 with the Parks Recreation and Culture Department. From June 14, 2021 to his retirement, Rizaldy held the position of Lead Pool Service Worker.

DECEMBER RETIREMENTS

Gisele Caron

Gisele retired from employment with the City on December 31, 2023, after 18 years of service. She commenced employment with Burnaby on July 25, 2005 with the Finance Department. From January 1, 2022 to her retirement, Gisele held the position of Senior Manager Purchasing.

Trent Collison

Trent retired from employment with the City on December 29, 2023, after 31 years of service. He commenced employment with Burnaby on October 5, 1992 with the Fire Department. From June 20, 2022 to his retirement, Trent held the position of Chief Training Officer.

Sandy Fong

Sandy retired from employment with the City on December 31, 2023, after 30 years of service. She commenced employment with Burnaby on May 17, 1993 with the Parks Recreation and Culture Department. From December 18, 2017 to her retirement, Sandy held the position of Computer Systems Specialist.

David O'Connor

David retired from employment with the City on December 31, 2023, after 26 years of service. He commenced employment with Burnaby on June 9, 1997 with the Parks Recreation and Culture Department. From January 1, 2022 to his retirement, David held the position of Director Golf Services.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

Respectfully submitted,

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