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Margaret Bailey Retires from City Hall

After 33 years of service to the City of Vernon, Marg Bailey, one of City Hall's best known community assets, is retiring.

Hired in 1978, Marg's rise through the ranks was not only meteoric, (she was appointed City Clerk within two years) but her knowledge and experience in municipal government increased exponentially with each position, ultimately making her a valuable asset to City politicians and the community. She now retires as Manager of Administrative Services and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, the position she has held for the past 5 and a half years.

Leon Gous, CAO, who has worked closely with Marg in recent years went further by noting that "The knowledge Marg takes with her is irreplaceable and we will all miss her. I wish her all the best as she begins the next phase of her life."

During her tenure, Marg has served seven mayors and councils and has enjoyed her working relationships with staff and politicians alike. "What I am most grateful for is the lasting friendships I have made - both staff members and politicians, and even though many are no longer at City Hall, we are still great friends and always will be." said Marg.

Mayor Wayne Lippert was pleased to pay tribute to Marg."I know", he said, "that I speak for everyone at City Hall when I say that Marg has been a great role model to everyone. Her knowledge of City history and municipal government is encyclopedic. This has made her the "go to" person for politicians, co-workers and the community alike. Those of us who work with her know her for her integrity, discretion and complete professionalism. We will truly miss her.

Marg Bailey's commitment to the City has been evident throughout the years and during challenging times she has shown tremendous thoughtfulness and leadership to her

colleagues. For that service, Marg received the Professional Award in Community Services from the Local Government Management Association in 2006.

Ask her what the highlights of her career are and Marg will mention the 1992 Winter Games, the Centennial celebrations, organizing and hosting two UBCM Annual Conferences and Queen Elizabeth's visit to Vernon in 1983, among many other events. She is also proud of introducing automated voting machines for the municipal election in 1999, something that current election staff is profoundly grateful for. Asked what hasn't changed at City Hall in 33 years and Marg laughs and says, "The water issue!"

Successfully balancing a busy career with family life, Marg speaks with pride about daughters, Jennifer, 19, who attends OUC and Andrea, 22, who is pursuing an acting career in Vancouver. On Marg's immediate retirement agenda is some international travel with husband, Jim, also newly-retired, and some kayaking, skiing, golfing and biking. "Then, I may pursue other interests!" says Marg. Those of us who have known her and her major talents expect that "other interests" could be another career in the offing for Marg Bailey!

We wish you well, Marg, and a very happy retirement!