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## **City Manager George Murray to retire 2018; City starting recruitment process**

**ABBOTSFORD, January 10, 2018** - City Manager, George Murray has informed Abbotsford City Council of his intention to retire this year, announced Mayor, Henry Braun today.

“For the past 5 years, George has been an invaluable part of our organization,” said Braun. “We will definitely miss his steady leadership and strategic voice at City Hall.”

Murray assumed responsibility for management of the City of Abbotsford’s \$260 million budget and approximately 1,000 municipal workers in early 2012. Murray will remain to support the recruitment and transition process for an incumbent to the City Manager position. As such a firm date for his retirement has not yet been set, however his position will be posted this month.

“This was not an easy decision for me to make and there is likely never a perfect time in any organization for this type of transition, but now is the right time for me personally,” said Murray. “Although I am truly going to miss working for the City, I experienced a significant and unexpected health issue last year and this is the right decision for me and for my family.”

The City has retained an executive search firm to begin the process of finding a new City Manager for Abbotsford as soon as possible.

“George can be extremely proud of the accomplishments the City of Abbotsford has made under his leadership,” said Braun. “George has helped us become a City that is highly attractive to new residents, businesses and developers alike, has a reputation for innovation, strong planning and good governance, and is known to be open for business.”

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