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White Rock City Manager Peggy Clark has announced she will retire at the end of this year although her actual date of leaving is in March 2012, as she uses up unused holiday entitlements. Ms. Clark has held the top position in the City for the past six years.

Ms. Clark noted "this is a good time to make a change, with a new Council and Mayor taking up their duties this month. I want the new Council to be able to move forward with a new CAO on board to implement Council's vision for White Rock.

She's pleased to leave the City in good shape, and noted the significant amount of infrastructure improvements which have been accomplished over the last few years, such as the Museum renovation, improved curbing and sidewalks, road realignment and paving, and the updated beach washrooms. Ms. Clark also called attention to extensive Kent Street Activity Centre renovations, which have just concluded.

The employees are the City's and the new Council's greatest asset, according to Ms. Clark, who said "we have focused on hiring the best qualified for our vacancies over the past few years, and as a consequence, we've got a team of employees who are ready, willing, and extremely able."

Ms. Clark is most proud of the new Centre for Active Living, a multi-interest project she led on behalf of the City. "The City can be truly proud of this centre", the first of its kind in Canada, which incorporates Fraser Health Authority's cardiac rehabilitation program, the Peace Arch Curling Centre, and leased space for a number of organizations such as the BC Alzheimer Society, White Rock Stroke Recovery Club, as well as health and wellness programs sponsored by the City.

Mayor Wayne Baldwin said "Peggy has done a great job for the City and will be leaving everything up-to-date and ready to go." He went on to say "Council wishes her happiness throughout her retirement." Councillor Mary-Wade Anderson said "we'll miss her, as she served Council well. However, we have to also understand people need to do what's best for their lives, not ours".

Mayor Baldwin noted a retirement function is being planned for Peggy Clark before she leaves the City.

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