

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER



PRESS RELEASE

September 19, 2019

Larry Plourde, Chief Administrator for the Village of Gold River retires

Monday September 30th is Larry's last day in the office working for the Village of Gold River!

After 27 years of dedication and commitment Larry is finally getting a well-deserved break. Larry started with the Village as Deputy Treasurer in June of 1992, and quickly rose to Treasurer in July 1993. In August 1995, Larry was promoted again to the position of Chief Administrative Officer, to which he held the position for an amazing 24 years.

Larry has had some impressive accomplishments over the years. In 1998, Larry took the lead with Council to establish and present a Transition Agreement to the Province of BC to help Gold River with the stabilization of the community from the effects of the closure of the Pulp Mill and the loss of 80% of the community's tax base. Larry then secured 6.6 million dollars in funding from the Province of BC, 4.4 million of which was to offset the loss of taxes and 2.2 million to pay off the pool debt. Larry's resolve to bring the community to a position of being debt free was, and is, incredibly rare.

In June 2003 Larry was recognized for his efforts by the Local Government Management Associations (LGMA) for "*outstanding service through the demonstration of leadership, commitment and character in the conduct of duties and responsibilities resulting in effective and efficient local government administration, reinforcing the positive role of the Local Government Manager*".

Throughout his career, Larry supported a multitude of Councils, worked diligently with staff on major community projects, and encouraged fiscal responsibility to ensure the stability of the community. We were extremely lucky to have Larry at the helm for the past 27 years; his dedication has been nothing short of unwavering.

Village Council would like to invite the community to join us in extending our appreciation to Larry for his years of service and dedication to the Village of Gold River on Monday September 30th from 2pm to 5pm. The Village Council Chambers will be open for you to drop by, enjoy a coffee and a slice of cake with Larry, and share your words of appreciation with Larry and others in attendance.

On behalf of Mayor and Council,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Brad Unger'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends across the page.

Mayor Brad Unger