



City public works director Kevin Lagan to retire

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After 20 years' service with the City of Courtenay, Kevin Lagan is to retire next month.

The municipality's director of operational services - the top staffer responsible for big public works like roads, sewers, water and drainage - will close his 47-year career on June 28.

"I am excited about retirement and look forward to spending more time with my family and to continue travelling - Hawaii is calling my name!" he told the Echo.

Lagan began his engineering career in Scotland in 1966, working in county, city and regional governments there for 16 years. In 1982 he immigrated to Canada, initially settling in Alberta where he worked in consulting engineering and later in provincial and municipal government.

He subsequently moved to B.C. in 1987 as city engineer in Castlegar, then Abbotsford. He has been a professional engineer since 1984 and joined the City of Courtenay as city engineer in February 1993, and been in his present post since 1996.

Over the past two decades he has seen Courtenay's population double and the city grow to become the predominant commercial centre of the Comox Valley.

He said he had welcomed the opportunities the City had offered over the years, and had enjoyed being part of an excellent team of local government employees and council members during that time.

"I am grateful to have been able to live and work in the Comox Valley and serve the public during this period," he added.

He and his wife Margaret, and youngest daughter Madison, live in Courtenay and are actively involved in the community. His eldest daughter Kim and her family also live locally and his son Darren and his family in Victoria.

Lagan is the second senior official to retire from City Hall in recent weeks, following former chief administrative officer Sandy Gray who left at the end of March. pround@comoxvalleyecho.com

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