



# City of Maple Ridge News Release

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## Maple Ridge CAO Announces Retirement

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On Tuesday, February 26, 2019, Mr. Paul Gill formally retired from his role as Chief Administrative Officer. Council was aware of his decision for a period of time and Mayor Morden had the opportunity to formally say goodbye on behalf of the City at the Council Meeting that evening.

“Paul Gill has made an enormous contribution to the City of Maple Ridge both in his professional capacity and as a dedicated volunteer. I was impressed at how available Paul made himself to Mayor and Council and the level of support he provided. His knowledge, professionalism and passion for service are well respected here in our City and throughout local government in BC and Canada,” said Mayor Mike Morden. “On behalf of Council I would like to wish him a long and happy retirement.”

Paul Gill joined the City of Maple Ridge 31 years ago in the Revenue and Collections Department. Paul served as the General Manager, Corporate & Financial Services for 17 years before being appointed as the CAO in the late summer of 2017. Paul, in collaboration with his colleagues, helped to develop and refine the City’s award winning financial planning and reporting systems. Under Paul’s leadership Maple Ridge has developed a strong financial accountability and transparency framework. He has accepted many invitations to share this work with other municipalities through presentations and speaking engagements.

Paul has served with a number of professional organizations including the Government Finance Officers Association, an international organization dedicated to enacting the highest standards of financial management and transparency in local government. Other key positions include his work as the Municipal representative on the Provincial RCMP National Contract Management Committee where he championed greater financial accountability. He has also served as a board member of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC.

Kelly Swift, General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture has been appointed as the Acting CAO by Council.