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Subject: Fire Chief, John McKearney's retirement

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to let you know that John McKearney has formally confirmed his intention to retire at the end of June, 2017. John will be retiring with 37 years of distinguished service to VFRS and the City, including 13 years in a management capacity and 8 years at the helm as Vancouver's Fire Chief.

While I am pleased for John as he approaches his well-earned retirement, I am going to miss him as a member of our leadership team and as our Fire Chief. Vancouver is very fortunate to enjoy the calibre of service provided by VFRS and, over his tenure as Chief, John has been steadfast in his effort to ensure that the department is well-positioned to support the City's evolving demands for professional, highly-effective life safety services. John has set the tone for his team as integral partners with other City departments, including several cross-organizational programs on which VFRS has the leadership role.

In the coming weeks, we will provide you with a briefing regarding our plan for the recruitment of John's replacement. If you have any questions in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Mochrie.

Best
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