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Greetings Mayor and Council,

I would like to thank Randy Pecarski, Deputy Director of Planning, who is retiring from the City after 29 years of outstanding service. Please read below the message of appreciation from his GM, Gil Kelley.

Best,
Sadhu

Message from Gil:

Just sharing a note of appreciation for Randy Pecarski's outstanding record of service to the City and Planning Department over the last 29 years. In many ways Randy has represented the "soul" of the Planning Department and has been not only a very effective Deputy Director during the last year, but has also been someone whose wise counsel has been of inestimable value to me as General Manager. I truly wish Randy all the best in the future and urge you to send him your well wishes as well. Today will be his last official day on the job. Congratulations Randy on a job well done!

Randy has been with the City for 29 years. Prior to this, he worked for five years in the private sector as a land use planning consultant working throughout BC and the Yukon. He joined the City's planning department in 1989 as a planner in the Central Area Division and his early work included high density residential rezonings in the Downtown and development of the Granville Slopes Plan – the highest density neighbourhood in Vancouver at the time. He also worked on the Roundhouse Neighbourhood and International Village Plans as part of the North False Creek ODP. He moved to join the core team for the CityPlan program, Vancouver's only city-wide plan (so far). Following this he led the planning resource group, focusing on data management and analysis, the introduction of GIS mapping systems and he co-wrote the first Information Systems Plan for the department. Next, he joined the area planning team working on the Oakridge-Langara Policy Plan and developed a public benefit strategy that combined both DCLs and CACs as an integrated system of development charges. This focus on development finance led to move back into the City Plan division, where he helped develop the Financing Growth Strategy which provided a city-wide framework and policy direction for ensuring new development helped pay for the amenities and services needed for a growing population. Next, he moved into a Senior Planner role and helped deliver the Metro Core Jobs and Economy Land Use Plan and led several teams including the research and data group, the financing growth team and the rapid transit team. This transit work included the first study of the Millennium Line Extension of the Broadway subway. He then served as an Acting Assistant Director for the City-wide and Regional Planning Division for several years. During this time he worked with regional colleagues to shape and get Council approval for the Metro Vancouver 2040 Regional Growth Strategy. This was a milestone regional achievement that required 100% agreement from all Metro municipalities for it to be approved. Another highlight was the approval of a new Sign Bylaw – the first comprehensive update to these regulations since 1989 (the year he joined the city)! Most recently, Randy was promoted to the role of Deputy Director of Planning following the arrival of Gil Kelley as the GM of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability (PDS). In this role he has supported the reinvention of the department, provided interim leadership to the Housing Policy team (when it moved from Community Services to PDS), helped to create a new Strategic Plan for the department and was instrumental in achieving significant new resources for PDS to support the ambitious planning agenda that lies ahead.

For the last several years Randy has also been an Adjunct Professor at UBC's School of Community and Regional Planning teaching graduate level courses on the importance of financial tools for successful plan implementation.

Randy, we will truly miss you!!

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