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Greetings Mayor and Council,

I regret to announce that after six years at the helm of the Real Estate and Facilities Management Team, Bill Aujla will be leaving the City. He has contributed so much to the City during his thirteen years with us. While I am sad to say goodbye to Bill, he isn't going far as he will be joining the Aquilini Investment Group as Vice President of Real Estate.

Bill has added immense value to the City; he was the lead on the successful negotiations with Canadian Pacific Railway for the City's purchase of the Arbutus Corridor, and he represented the City's interests in complex city issues, including CAC (Community Amenity Contributions) negotiations with developers. Bill has led a great variety of projects on behalf of the City, including the purchase of St. James Community Square, the development of the Killarney Seniors Centre, the seismic upgrading of the West Annex, the development of the Taylor Manor Housing Project and many others.

Bill also oversaw the Olympic Village development, including Canada's first residential multi-unit Net Zero Affordable Housing Project, Habitat Island (a constructed island off the west shore of the Village), and the restoration of a heritage building (Salt Building). Additionally, Bill led the consolidation of Facilities Services, building a team, each of whom play an integral role in the everyday running of a successful department.

Bill Aujla has tendered his resignation effective at the end of August. He will be on vacation starting August 13. Recruitment for a new GM will begin immediately, and Lisa Prescott, Director, Strategic Operations Planning & Program Management will step-in until a new GM has been selected. Lisa has been with the City since 2010. Previous to her Director role in Real Estate and Facilities Management, she was Manager of Recreation Services in the Park Board, and Manager of Performance Management and Business Transformation in Finance.

Gil Kelley, GM, Planning Urban Design and Sustainability, will be taking over the CAC negotiations. Over the last year we have been moving towards the transformation of the CAC program to less negotiated CACs and more fixed rates, which Gil will continue.

Bill leaves his department in a very strong position for the future and we sincerely thank him for his contribution and leadership during his tenure as GM. We'll all really miss Bill and we wish him a successful future as he progresses his career.

We'll be planning an appropriate send-off for Bill, but in the interim, please do feel free to send him your congratulations.

Best,  
Sadhu

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