

Biography Bill Holtby

Municipal Government Experience

Bill was 17-years-old and still in high school when he got the call to public service. While completing his senior year, he taught youth athletic programs and experienced the difference that people can make in their community. Prior to entering university, Bill took a “year off” to enjoy time as a Parks Labourer and Operator. While at university Bill had five summers of parks exposure with the City of Edmonton, ultimately leading to his first municipal management position in 1980 as Parks Arena Manager in Spruce Grove, Alberta. During his 10-year stint in “the Grove,” Bill sought experience in other areas of the city and advanced his career. He held term positions as City Clerk, Human Resource Director and Recreation Director. His last three years were spent as Director of Community Services, prior to moving to the same position in a city four times the size – St. Albert.

After eight years as Community Services Director in St. Albert, Bill had Protective Services added to his portfolio and received a new title - General Manager. Through the Community and Protective Services Division, he was challenged to bring together a diverse team to deliver exemplary services for a city of almost 60,000 people. In 2002, Bill was successful in winning the City Manager’s competition for St. Albert. He has managed a staff of over 500 for three successive and equally demanding City Councils. At 52-years-old Bill has 35 years of experience in municipal government, with the last 29 spent in a professional managerial role.

Personal - Bill is married to Donna and has three adult children and one grandchild.

Current Appointments - Alberta City Managers’ Caucus, Capital Region CAO Alliance, Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee, Disaster Services Committee and Lois Hole Provincial Park Development Group.

Community Involvement - Throughout Bill’s career, he has committed much of his personal time to community volunteer organizations. This includes work related roles on recreation boards, economic development agencies, arts organizations and innumerable special event committees. Additionally, he found time to coach some of his kid’s sports teams, volunteered with the St. Albert Community Lottery Board, the 1994 Alberta Winter Games, and the 2001 IAFF World Championship in Athletics, and has been involved with the United Way for a decade.

Education - Bill has a Bachelors Degree in Education from the University of Alberta.

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