



LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

IN MEMORIAM: EYDIE FRASER



Eydie Fraser

Members of the BC local government family were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Edith (Eydie) Violet Fraser. Eydie was a dedicated, long-serving employee, with over 25 years of service to local government, UBCM, the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) and the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA). Eydie joined UBCM in April 1991, in a contract capacity, after working for the municipalities of Port Hardy and Nanaimo. Her UBCM contract was shared with AVIM (now AVICC) where Eydie served as Executive Coordinator.

Working alongside Executive Director Richard Taylor at UBCM's first Victoria office, Eydie became an integral part of the UBCM family. In April 1997 she took on a full time position, splitting her time between the area association and UBCM. As the only staff support to AVICC she coordinated all aspects of their annual conference and oversaw the association's day-to-day operations. In addition to being a valuable team member at every UBCM convention, she also served as the local government representative to many local-provincial working groups and events. In honour of her years of dedicated service, Eydie was awarded with an AVICC Life Membership in 2009.

Eydie officially retired in May 2009. But, in characteristic Eydie style, she did not settle into retirement. She immediately signed a part-time contract with UBCM for another year to transition her AVICC duties to new staff, assist with the UBCM convention and help with UBCM's Victoria office move from the old heritage house on Superior Street to its new LEED gold building at 545 Government Street. Her unwavering commitment to local government colleagues always came first.

In addition to her long service with UBCM and AVICC, Eydie spent the last six years working to support professional development for elected officials through the LGLA. In August 2011 she took on the role of Board and Seminar Coordinator, bringing with her a wealth of experience and that wry sense of humour that so many in local government came to know.

Eydie was a true pleasure to work with. Not only was she incredibly dedicated and willing to take on anything from the smallest to the largest task, she also brought perspective and understanding and a true fondness for her countless friends, colleagues and acquaintances in local government. Hers was often the first face that delegates to UBCM, AVICC or LGLA saw at the registration desk – and people really lit up when they found her there...still working, and often teasing or chuckling with someone about a shared remembrance. Eydie was a dear friend and colleague and will be very much missed by all in local government who were lucky enough to work with, and know her.

Eydie passed away in February. A tribute to Eydie was held at the recent AVICC conference in Campbell River. Similar acknowledgements of Eydie's contributions to local government will be held at the 2017 UBCM Convention and 2018 LGLA Forum. On behalf of LGLA, we extend our deepest condolences to Eydie's family.