



# Carol Hamilton

(1950 - )

Carolyn “Carol” Hamilton was born March 7th, 1950 in North Vancouver. Originally named Shirley Anne Linton, she was adopted by Sybil and Larry Willington and grew up in the interior of BC, moving from Quesnel to Prince George with her brother, Ronald. Her parents are some of her fondest childhood memories as they raised her to be kind but to stand up strong. In adulthood, Carol met and established a relationship with her biological father and three half-sisters.

At age eighteen, Carol got a job as a teller at the CIBC Branch in Prince George where she worked for 2 years and discovered a passion for the finance industry. Later that year, Carol met Douglas Hamilton whom she married in August 1969. They were together for twenty-seven years and had two children, Shirley-Anne and Jeff. In 1975, the family moved to Mission, with Carol taking a break from work to be a full-time mother, volunteering with the Mission Marlins and serving as a Brownies Troop Leader in Hatzic.

In 1981, she returned to work in the finance industry obtaining a job at the TD Bank in Mission. For the next twenty years she worked there serving in multiple capacities including as a teller and a customer service manager. In 1995, Carol received a TD National Award of Excellence for her achievements. In 2001, she began working for Envision Credit Union, where she flourished in the team atmosphere, rising through the ranks until her retirement in 2014 as the Branch Manager.

After a conversation with Trustee Shelley Clarkson in 2005, Carol decided to run for the Mission School Board, topping the polls, and voted in as the Board Chair. She served in this capacity for the next four years and was re-elected two more terms. While on the board, she worked to decrease high school dropout rates with some positive results. After her third term, Carol decided to run for municipal council. Campaigning on a platform of being no nonsense, she was elected to council in 2014 and continues to serve in this capacity to the present day. Throughout her tenure she has been an advocate for activity spaces and planning for the community’s future. Among her initiatives was putting forth a motion to have Mission’s Status changed from a ‘District’ to a ‘City Municipality’.

Carol has stated this will be her final term as a City Councillor. She looks forward to returning to volunteering which she’d put aside to avoid any potential conflict of interest. She’s hopeful that her push to motivate the community to embrace physical activity will be successful and the new sports centers currently in the works through council will come to fruition. Carol looks forward to having more time to spend with her family and two grandsons who live in the interior.

Reflecting on being an elected official for the last nineteen years she commented, “so much change and growth has happened, and to keep pace with it is a challenge... but it’s coming whether you’re ready or not.”

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