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## Press Release

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### City Engineer Honored for Distinguished Service to the Engineering Profession



*Bill Melvin, City Engineer*

City Engineer Bill Melvin was recently named the 2019 Engineer of Merit by the American Society of Civic Engineers (ASCE) Inland Empire Section at the annual banquet in Spokane.

Bill was selected from 500 engineers in the Pacific Northwest Region. Among the factors considered in awarding the Engineer of Merit are to an individual who has substantially contributed to the status of the civil engineering profession through a distinguished career in civil engineering, service to the ASCE, significant contributions toward improving conditions under which professional engineers serve in public and private practice.

After receiving his Civil Engineering Degree in 1985 from the University of Wyoming, he was offered his first engineering position with a California firm as Staff Engineer and rising to

Project Manager before moving to the Spokane area to work for Taylor Engineering in 1989. As Project Engineering Manager, Bill was involved with several notable projects that included the Phase II North Spokane Interceptor Sewer; Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena; Spokane International Airport; Spokane Centennial Trail; and the Coeur d'Alene Resort's 14<sup>th</sup> Hole floating Green.

For the past 23 years, Bill has helped plan and manage the infrastructure of Post Falls as the city grew from 5,000 to over 37,000 today. During his time as City Engineer, his City projects include the development of over 250 subdivisions; more than 100 miles of roadway and sewer extension; 13 lift stations; 14 traffic signals and 6 roundabouts; planning for the sanitary sewer, water and transportation needs out to the year 2035; 2 freeway interchanges and 1 freeway overpass; 2 two-million gallon water standpipes; City representative as a past Chairman on the Kootenai County Transportation Team; big box commercial development with 2 Wal\*Marts and a Cabela's; implementation of electronic as-built submittal standards.

He has served on the Mount Spokane Ski Patrol for the last 20 years, answering codes, offering guidance to the new patrollers and expertly helping wayward skiers off the mountain when necessary. In addition to skiing, Bill loves to cycle and in June of 2018 he raised money and finished a 130 mile "Ride Across The Pioneers in a Day" (RATPOD), a charity ride in Montana for the Camp-Make-A-Dream Foundation for children and family members dealing with cancer. He has been a part of the Big Brother/Sisters programs and has mentored countless aspiring engineers-to-be over the course of his career.

City Administrator Shelly Enderud said, "While Bill, many years ago chose to take on the task of "building a City", it really is so much more. His quiet dedication and indispensable skills have provided a quality of life for our citizens that enable them to enjoy the many facets of our daily lives and all its modern conveniences. He is truly one of the unsung heroes of our community."

Former City attorney, Jerry Mason, said of Bill, "He's one of the best engineers I know. To take these complex projects and to be able to break them down into terms that we can understand is amazing. He makes incredibly important decisions on behalf of the City and homes in on the little details that can have tremendous impact with long term outcomes."

The [American Society of Civil Engineers \(ASCE\)](#) was founded in 1852 with a membership of 146,000 nationally. ASCE is the oldest national professional engineering society in the United States. ASCE is dedicated to the advancement of the individual civil engineer and the advancement of the science and profession of civil engineering through education.

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