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**City of Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Director, Larry Otos, CPRP has been awarded the “Honor Fellow” award from the Washington Recreation and Park Association (WRPA).**

MOUNT VERNON – The Honor Fellow Award is the highest recognition bestowed by WRPA. The individual selected must be equal in mind, character and professionalism to those who have preceded him or her and must set an example to those who will follow. Significant and broad experience, contributions to advancing the profession, and appointed and elected positions are just some of the criteria used to consider this premier honor. The WRPA award nominations are judged by an impartial panel from members of the association.

Larry was recognized for his contributions to his community and WRPA. He has been a strong leader and has held many positions within the WRPA organization, including: WRPA president, Co-conference chair, Legislative Director and Chair of Executive Search Committee. Larry has also held many community leadership roles such as Past president of Skagit Mount Vernon Kiwanis, Friendship House past president, Tulip Festival Past President and Western Washington University Alumni President.

Mayor Norris said “This prestigious award is a testament to the hard work and dedication Larry has put forward for our community and the State of Washington. It is very reassuring for the City Council and me to have such a dedicated professional on our City staff”.

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