



# CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

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## **Mayor Carol Benson is Awarded with Certificate of Municipal Leadership**

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Carol Benson, Mayor, City of Black Diamond recently received a Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Mayor Benson completed over 30 hours of training credits to earn the distinction.

The CML program is designed to enhance the ability of elected municipal officials. The program provides mayors and councilmembers in Washington with knowledge and skills required for effective governance. To earn this certificate, the official attends a variety of AWC sponsored municipal workshops; including sessions on budgeting, land use planning, personnel, and leadership. The courses help the mayors and councilmembers learn the essentials of municipal service and improve their ability to work with council colleagues, city staff, and citizens.

Prior to being elected as Mayor for the City of Black Diamond, Mayor Benson served three years as a City Councilmember. Mayor Benson is very active in the Community, regional groups and volunteers at the Black Diamond Community Center.

AWC is a private, non-profit, non-partisan corporation that represents Washington's cities and towns before the state legislature, the state executive branch, and with regulatory agencies. Membership is voluntary; however AWC maintains 100% participation from Washington's 281 cities and towns. The goal of AWC is to create and maintain livable cities and towns throughout the state.