

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2019-10-08

From: Reg Dyck, Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services

File No: 2830-25

Subject: Electoral Area Emergency Services – Appointment of Walter Roos as Fire Chief of the Popkum Volunteer Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Deputy Chief Walter Roos be appointed as the Fire Chief of the Popkum Volunteer Fire Department in accordance with *Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area Volunteer Fire Department Establishment and Regulation Bylaw No. 1474, 2018*.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

BACKGROUND

Fire Chief Gerrit Rozendaal has been a member of the Popkum Volunteer Fire Department since 1996 and has been the Fire Chief since 2013. On September 3rd 2019 Chief Rozendaal announced that he will be stepping down from the position of Fire Chief, effective September 10th 2019, for personal reasons. Chief Rozendaal will remain active on the department as a firefighter and will be able to continue to provide his expertise and guidance to the department membership.

Fraser Valley Regional District Bylaw No. 1474, 2018 provides for the establishment and regulations of the volunteer fire departments in the Electoral Areas of the Fraser Valley Regional District.

DISCUSSION

Current Deputy Chief Walter Roos has received support from the membership to succeed Chief Rozendaal. Deputy Chief Roos has been a member of the Popkum Volunteer Fire Department since December 2nd 2008 and acted as Deputy Chief since 2013. He has the training and experience to fulfill the Fire Chief's role. Staff anticipates a smooth transition in this leadership change.

COST

There are no costs associated with this report.

COMMENTS BY:

Tareq Islam, Director of Engineering & Community Services

Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

No further financial comment.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.