

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2019-10-08

From: Reg Dyck, Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services

File No: 7200-30

Subject: Electoral Area Emergency Services – Appointment of Bruce Marshall as Fire Chief and Shawn Dearden as Deputy Fire Chief of the Yale Volunteer Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Bruce Marshall be appointed as Fire Chief of the Yale Volunteer Fire Department and Shawn Dearden be appointed as Deputy Fire Chief of the Yale 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

Deputy Chief Bruce Marshall has been in the acting role of Fire Chief of the Yale Volunteer Fire Department since February of 2018. Deputy Chief Marshall has been a member of the Yale Fire Department since September of 2010 and has experience as a Captain and Deputy Chief within this department.

Captain Dearden has been a member of the Yale Volunteer Fire Department for over seven years and has experience as an officer and training officer within this department. Captain Dearden has acted as Deputy Chief since March of 2018.

DISCUSSION

As the Yale Fire Department's Fire Chief position was vacated in January of 2018, with approval of the Yale Fire Department membership, as of February 2018 Deputy Chief Marshall became the acting Fire Chief. Captain Dearden, with approval of the membership and the acting Fire Chief, was asked to act as Deputy Fire Chief as of March 2018. Both officers have worked hard and, among other improvements, have increased membership and improved training during their time in these roles. Staff is confident in their ability to continue in these senior officer roles.

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.