

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2019-10-08

From: Reg Dyck, Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services

File No: 2830-23

Subject: Electoral Area Emergency Services – Appointment of Ken Harbord as Fire Chief of the Hemlock Valley Volunteer Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Deputy Chief Ken Harbord be appointed as the Fire Chief of the Hemlock Valley 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

The Hemlock Valley Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief position was vacated in May of 2019, Deputy Chief Harbord has been acting Fire Chief since that time.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Chief Ken Harbord has been a member of the Hemlock Valley Fire Department since 1996, much of this time as an officer within the department. Deputy Chief Harbord has received support of the fire department membership to act as Fire Chief. Staff also supports this and with his experience and knowledge are confident that Deputy Chief Harbord will be able to fulfill the responsibilities of the Fire Chief position.

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.