

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 Wes Klaassen as Deputy Fire Chief of the Popkum Volunteer Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Captain Wes Klaassen be appointed as the Deputy 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

Captain Klaassen has been a member of the Popkum Volunteer Fire Department since 2008 and has become a valued leader and firefighter during this time. Captain Klaassen has been acting Deputy Chief since September 10th when the position was vacated due to a leadership change and recommended advancement of the previous Deputy.

DISCUSSION

With the recommendation that Deputy Chief Walter Roos become the Popkum Fire Department's new Fire Chief, this will leave the position of Deputy Chief vacant. Acting Fire Chief Roos has recommended Captain Klaassen step into the role of Deputy Chief for the Popkum Fire Department. Staff is confident that Captain Klaassen has the knowledge and skillset to meet the requirements of this 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.