

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2020-03-10

From: Reg Dyck, Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Management File No: 2830-23

Subject: Appointment of Ken Howsam as Deputy Fire Chief of the Hemlock Valley Volunteer Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Ken Howsam be appointed as the Deputy Fire Chief of the Hemlock Valley volunteer Fire Department in accordance with the Fraser Valley Regional District Bylaw No. 1474, 2018.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

BACKGROUND

The Hemlock Valley Volunteer Fire Department's Deputy Fire Chief position was vacated in May of 2019, with the appointment of then Deputy Chief Harbord as Fire Chief at that time.

DISCUSSION

Ken Howsam has been a member of the Hemlock Valley Fire Department since June 2018 and has past experience in a First Responder role. He has the support of Fire Chief Harbord and the members of the Hemlock Valley Volunteer fire Department. Staff also supports this appointment and are confident that Ken Howsam will be able to fulfill the responsibilities of the Deputy 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: Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.