



Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Memorandum

FOR INFORMATION

To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: April 11, 2024
From: Erin Mahoney
Chief Administrative Officer
Re: **Change of Regional Fire Coordinator and Alternate Fire Coordinator**

This memorandum advises Council of a change to the Primary and one of two Alternate Regional Fire Coordinators.

The position of Regional Fire Coordinator has been in effect at York Region since 1971. The position is appointed by the Provincial Office of the Fire Marshal to coordinate fire mutual aid for York Region. The Region's current structure is made up of one Regional Fire Coordinator and two alternates.

Effective February 14, 2024, James Arnold, Deputy Fire Chief, Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services assumed duties of the Primary Regional Fire Coordinator

As a result of the passing of Chief Ian Laing, Central York Fire Services, after several years of dedicated service as the Regional Fire Coordinator, the position was vacated. As a result, Deputy Chief James Arnold, Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services has been appointed by the Provincial Office of the Fire Marshal as the Primary Regional Fire Coordinator. Deputy Chief James Arnold received a letter of support from Nick Spensieri, City Manager, City of Vaughan to fulfill this position as required by the Office of the Fire Marshal. The letter of support is to acknowledge the Regional Fire Coordinator may from time to time be involved in Regional activities taking time away from the City of Vaughan. Deputy Chief James Arnold previously held the role of one of two Alternate Regional Fire Coordinators.

Fire Chief Jim Wall will assume the role of Alternate Regional Fire Coordinator while Chief Bill Snowball continues to serve as second Alternate Regional Fire Coordinator

The position vacated by James Arnold was filled by appointing Chief Jim Wall, King Fire and Emergency Services effective December 27, 2023. Fire Chief Jim Wall received support from Chris Fasciano, Director of Community Services, Township of King. Fire Chief William Snowball, Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services continues to serve as the second Alternate.

Process for appointment of Primary and Alternate Regional Fire Coordinators has been followed as prescribed by Provincial Office of the Fire Marshal

The process for the appointment of an alternate Regional Fire Coordinator as prescribed by the Provincial Office of the Fire Marshal has been followed and required documentation has been received by York Region.

For more information on this memo, please contact Morris Faccin, Manager, York Region Emergency Management at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71212.



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