



To: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: March 6, 2025

From: Erin Mahoney
Chief Administrative Officer

Re: **Change of Regional and Alternate Regional Fire Coordinators**

This memorandum advises Council of a change to the Primary and Alternate Regional Fire Coordinators for York Region.

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 composed of one Primary Regional Fire Coordinator and two alternates.

Effective January 14, 2025, Bill Snowball, Fire Chief, Whitchurch Stouffville assumed duties of Primary Regional Fire Coordinator

Following the retirement of Chief Jim Wall, King City Fire and Emergency Services on January 31, 2025, Chief Bill Snowball, Whitchurch Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services assumed the role of Primary Regional Fire Coordinator. Chief Bill Snowball previously served as a Regional Fire Coordinator and alternate throughout his career with Markham and Whitchurch Stouffville. Chief Bill Snowball has received a letter of support from Sunny Bains, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Whitchurch Stouffville. The letter of support acknowledges the Regional Fire Coordinator may occasionally be involved in Regional activities.

Deputy Fire Chief James Arnold assumed the role of first Alternate Regional Fire Coordinator while Deputy Chief Mike Doyle has been appointed to serve as second Alternate Regional Fire Coordinator

Deputy Chief James Arnold, City of Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service assumes the role of alternate Regional Fire Coordinator after serving several years as the Primary Regional Fire Coordinator. Additionally, Deputy Chief Mike Doyle, Whitchurch Stouffville, Fire and Emergency Services has been appointed to serve as the new second alternate Regional Fire Coordinator. The position is supported by Sunny Bains, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Whitchurch Stouffville.

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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