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Town of Creston Appoints Acting Fire Chief

Creston, BC, July 11, 2018 – The Town of Creston is pleased to announce the appointment of Jared Riel, Assistant Fire Chief with Creston Fire Rescue to Acting Fire Chief.

Mr. Riel has 12 years of fire service experience and his intimate knowledge of Creston Fire Rescue's operations will ensure continuity during this transitional time. Council is confident that with Mr. Riel's appointment, the operational needs of the fire department can be maintained and managed efficiently and effectively moving forward.

"Jared is a natural leader and we are delighted that he has chosen to assume the roles and responsibilities of Acting Fire Chief," said Mayor Ron Toyota. "His existing rapport with our volunteer firefighters and regional fire departments ensures a seamless transition."

Interim CAO Mike Moore added, "I have had the pleasure of working closely with Jared for the last five and a half years. I appreciate that he has chosen to accept this role and I am confident that we will continue to work collaboratively."

As part of Mr. Riel's appointment, Captain Randall Fabbro with Creston Fire Rescue will be assuming some of the Assistant Fire Chief duties to maintain operational effectiveness for the fire department for ongoing firefighter training programs, supervisory duties, fire inspections, equipment maintenance programs, and public education/outreach programs.

"I am looking forward to this opportunity and thank Mayor and Council for this appointment", Mr. Riel said. "From a Creston Fire Rescue perspective, not much has changed. We will continue to provide excellent service to our Valley. It is business as usual", he added.

Both Mr. Riel and Mr. Fabbro are scheduled to return to their regular duties when Interim Chief Administrative Officer Mike Moore returns to his role as Director of Protective Services & Fire Chief after Council seeks a permanent Chief Administrative Officer following the municipal election this fall.

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