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Hastings Highlands, ON

The Council of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands has decided to sever the Joint Fire Services Agreement with the Town of Bancroft. The Municipality has hired Danny Koroscil to be their full-time Fire Chief to head the fire department and provide leadership for the immediate future. Chief Koroscil brings a wealth of knowledge to the fire department with over forty (40) years of experience with ten (10) of those as a fire chief, followed by twenty-five (25) as a Fire Protection Advisor with the Office of the Fire Marshal working throughout the Province. Chief Koroscil was also a paramedic for eleven (11) years with experience in land ambulance and helicopter evacuation.

The Municipality of Hastings Highlands Fire Department consists of six (6) fire stations located at Herschel South, Herschel North, Monteagle, Maynooth, Lake St. Peter and Bangor with approximately eight (80) volunteer fire fighters in the roster.

Providing fire protection in a large geographic rural area is a significant challenge for a Municipality due in part to the fact that many of the volunteer firefighters have to travel outside the local area for work. Long travel distances from a fire station and lack of piped municipal water supply requires that water be brought in by the tanker to suppress a fire or a water source needs to be located near the scene.

Chief Koroscil's duties will include fire prevention and public education and a primary focus will be to ensure that all homes/cottages in the Municipality have working smoke alarms. Also, of importance is the fact that working CO alarms are to be placed adjacent to every sleeping area of the home if the home has a fuel burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage.

"The Municipality of Hastings Highlands would like to thank Chief Hoover, his staff and the Town of Bancroft for the many years of cooperation but it is now time to move out on our own with all of the new regulations required for the fire service from the Province". "Also on behalf of Council, I am pleased to welcome Chief Koroscil to our team at Hastings Highlands" added Mayor Bloom. For further information please contact:

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