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Fire Chief Keith Stecko Retires

SMITHERS – Smithers Fire Department’s Fire Chief Keith Stecko is retiring from his long-time leadership role. Chief Stecko originally joined the Town as the Airport Manager/Deputy Fire Chief in 2000 and became Fire Chief in 2004. His last day with the Town will be November 30, 2021.

“We wish Chief Stecko all the best in his retirement from the Town and sincerely thank him for his years of service in protection of our community,” said Dianna Plouffe, Chief Administrative Officer.

The Town is pleased to announce the appointment of Kelly Zacharias to the role of Fire Chief as of December 1, 2021. Zacharias started his career with the Town of Smithers as Airport Manager/Deputy Fire Chief in 2004 and became the full time Deputy Fire Chief in 2010. He is well equipped to take on the role of Fire Chief.

“On behalf of Town Council and the citizens of Smithers, I offer a big thank you to Chief Stecko for his many years of dedication to our community and to the volunteers of the Smithers Fire Department and extend best wishes to him and his family. And we are delighted to welcome Kelly Zacharias as the incoming Chief and very much look forward to working with him,” said Mayor Gladys Atrill.

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