



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Village appoints Manager, Operations/Fire Chief**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Merrickville, ON)** – At their meeting of October 28, 2019, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford officially appointed Mr. Brad Cole to the position of Manager, Operations/Fire Chief. Chief Cole had been acting in the Fire Chief position since January, 2019 and had previously been the Deputy Chief, with a total of 14 years serving on the Merrickville Fire Department. Chief Cole had also been the acting Manager of Public Works since August of 2018.

Mayor Douglas Struthers indicated:

“On behalf of Council, I am delighted to officially welcome Mr. Cole to the role of Manager, Operations/Fire Chief. During his time leading these two departments in an Acting capacity, he has proven time and again just how well he is able to effectively address the various challenges with great professionalism, diplomacy and commitment. His leadership and dedication have been evident through every situation and we are pleased that he will continue in these roles.”

CAO/Clerk/Director of Economic Development, Doug Robertson, stated the following with respect to this new position and the appointment of Chief Cole:

“The appointment of Brad Cole to this position is indicative of the leadership, dedication and innovation that Chief Cole has demonstrated to help us reinforce stability, positive morale amongst staff and high quality service to the community. Chief Cole has earned the trust and respect of those around him on all sides and I have no doubt that he will achieve even greater success moving forward.”

When asked about being appointed to this new, joint position, Chief Cole stated:

“I am honoured to be appointed as the Manager, Operations/Fire Chief of such a community-oriented municipality. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead, and to work with a team of volunteer Firefighters and Public Works employees as devoted and talented as those who serve the Village of Merrickville-Wolford every day.”

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