



Infrastructure & Operations Department

Memorandum

TO: Krista Power, Director – Legislative Services & City Clerk **FILE:**

FROM: Kayla Dixon, Commissioner Infrastructure & Operations

DATE: March 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Appointment of Chief of Fire

MEETING & DATE: City Council – April 7, 2026

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that City Council authorize the appointment of David Tarini to the Chief of Fire for the Thunder Bay Fire Rescue.

Dave Tarini started with the City of Thunder Bay as a 1st Class Professional Firefighter in 2003, coming to Thunder Bay Fire Rescue with 12 years of experience fighting wildfires with the Ministry of Natural Resources. He worked his way through the ranks at Thunder Bay Fire Rescue to his most recent position as Deputy Fire Chief.

David was selected after a rigorous and competitive selection process that drew interest from highly qualified candidates across the country.

The *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, Section 6(1) requires the council of a municipality to appoint a fire chief for the fire department. The following recommendation is presented for Council’s consideration:

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Kayla Dixon, Commissioner - Infrastructure & Operations dated April 7, 2026, we recommend that David Tarini be appointed to the Chief of Fire for the Thunder Bay Fire Rescue effective April 8, 2026;

AND THAT By-law 019-2026 - Appointment of Acting Fire Chief be repealed;

AND THAT By-law 129-2026 - Appointment of Chief of Fire be presented to City Council for ratification on April 7, 2026.