



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT
REGIONAL DISTRICT

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MIKE KOBUS APPOINTED FIRE CHIEF OF THE BEAVER CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) is pleased to announce that Mr. Mike Kobus has been appointed by the Regional District Board to the position of Fire Chief of the Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD) for a three-year term.

Long-term Fire Chief Charlie Starratt retired at the end of November 2019 after serving 37 years on the Department, 27 years as Chief. As per the ACRD's Fire Chief Recruitment Policy, a recruitment committee was formed to conduct the recruitment of a new chief. Following a competitive recruitment process, the committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Kobus to the position of Fire Chief of the BCVFD. The ACRD Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the appointment at their meeting yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Kobus has been a volunteer member of the BCVFD since 1992, the last 12 years serving as the Deputy Fire Chief. Mr. Kobus has an extensive background in fire rescue services at a local, regional and provincial level. As Deputy he has played a key role in Fire Department operations including developing training programs and policies, training volunteer members and coordinating and directing activities of the Department.

John McNabb, Director for Beaver Creek stated *"We are very excited to have Chief Kobus in charge of the BCVFD, his years of experience and dedication to the Department will continue to support an excellent atmosphere that encourages new members to join. Our Department could not operate without the hard work and dedication of all its volunteer members. The residents of Beaver Creek are very proud of our Fire Department and appreciate the efforts of all volunteers to keep our community safe"*

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