



SMITHS FALLS
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Town Appoints Fire Chief

The Town of Smiths Falls is pleased to announce that Mr. Rick Chesebrough has been appointed as the Town's new Fire Chief. Mr. Chesebrough joins a long list of esteemed fire services professionals that have held the post since the Fire Department was established as a Fire Brigade in 1852.

Rick comes to the Town of Smiths Falls with over 30 years of experience as a fire services professional and volunteer. His most recent leadership position was Fire Chief for the Township of South Frontenac where he held the post for the past 15 years. Rick is a respected emergency management leader with extensive experience managing all aspects of fire department operations. He has been a Certified Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) for 14 years; experience that will serve the Town well as we fulfill new municipal responsibilities as it relates to emergency management planning.

Mr. Chesebrough is a certified Health and Safety officer and also has considerable expertise in fire services legislation and compliance. He is a member of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs and has been committed to continuous learning throughout his career.

"I am excited and honoured to have the opportunity to serve as Fire Chief for the Town of Smiths Falls, states Mr. Chesebrough, I'm certainly looking forward to working with the senior management team and town staff and the excellent team at the Smiths Falls fire department "

"Rick brings a deep-rooted passion for fire services and is a proven team builder, says Malcolm Morris, Chief Administrative Officer, his extensive experience at the management level within fire services and emergency planning will provide capable leadership to the Town's team of committed, knowledgeable and highly trained career and volunteer firefighters."

Mr. Chesebrough will commence his new career on Monday, June 18, 2018 and will be based at the Fire Station within the Smiths Falls Municipal Complex at 77 Beckwith Street North.

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About Smiths Falls – The Town of Smiths Falls is a vibrant, progressive single tier municipality with a population of 9,000. One of Eastern Ontario's most scenic communities, we are centrally located within an hour of Ottawa, Kingston, Brockville and the US border. The Town provides a high quality and affordable life for its residents, with beautiful heritage buildings, two theatres, a charming downtown, and world-class museums and recreational facilities. Enjoy our thriving cultural scene with live music, foodie finds, a local brewery, and dozens of community events – all at the heart of the Rideau Canal, Ontario's only UNESCO World Heritage site and a gateway to the region's abundant lakes and waterways.