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Press Release

The Village of Nakusp is pleased to announce the hiring of Wade Forster as the Director of Emergency Services. In addition to this role, he will serve as Fire Chief for the Nakusp and Area Volunteer Fire Department (NVFD). This appointment represents a significant and positive step forward for the Village and the broader fire service area.

Wade Forster is a resident of the Nakusp area and an active member of the NVFD. He brings extensive expertise to the position, including more than 20 years of professional firefighting experience. Wade previously served as a Fire Officer with the Winnipeg Airports Authority, where he gained substantial operational and leadership experience in a professional fire service environment. His colleagues within the NVFD know him well and are enthusiastic about his transition into the Fire Chief role.

Council has appointed Wade as Fire Chief effective **March 16, 2026**—the same day he will begin his duties as Director of Emergency Services. In these roles, Wade's responsibilities will include leading the NVFD, overseeing emergency management and planning, conducting local fire inspections, and bylaw enforcement services for the Village.

For more information, please contact Wayne Robinson, CAO, Village of Nakusp.