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Mayor Dan Omera Municipality of Temagami Box 220 Temagami, ON POH 2H0

Subject: Retirement

It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you of my decision to resign as Fire Chief of the Marten River Fire Department as of December 31, 2023 after serving 25 fulfilling years. This decision has not been an easy one, but after careful reflection on my advanced age and health, I believe it is the best one for the Department. I will stay on as a firefighter in a mentor role if council approves for a short time. I hope this gives council time to find my replacement.

It would be my recommendation that Fire fighter Peter Christie step into the role of Fire Chief. Pete has served as a Marten River Fire Fighter for 6 1/2 years and his previous career in policing will help inform him on many of the Fire Department's Emergency Management decisions.

As I reflect on my time with the Marten River Fire Department, I cannot help but feel an immense sense of gratitude for the trust and confidence placed in me by my colleagues, the municipality and most importantly gratitude for the residents of our community whose faith in us has been the driving force behind our commitment to excellence.

Once again, thank you for the incredible memories, support and friendship over the years. I will forever cherish my time at the Marten River Fire Department.

Paul Elliott

Fire Chief Marten River Fire Department