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### **Maple Ridge Appoints New Fire Chief**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** The City is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Van Dop as the new Fire Chief for the Maple Ridge Fire Department (MRFD).

Chief Van Dop has served our community since 2005 when he joined MRFD as a Paid-On-Call Firefighter. He became a Career Firefighter in 2009, was promoted to Assistant Chief in 2013 and then to Deputy Chief in 2017.

“I got to know Chief Van Dop better, early in my tenure at the City. His promotion to Fire Chief was well deserved, clearly Mike is a smart, highly competent professional,” said Mayor Morden. “I am confident that Council, the City and community will be very well served with Chief Van Dop at the helm of MRFD.”

“It’s been an honour and privilege to serve the citizens of Maple Ridge for the past 17 years and I’m excited to take on this new role,” said Chief Van Dop. “I look forward to building on existing relationships with our exemplary team of firefighters and to continuing the legacy of excellent fire safety and customer service MFRD is known for.”

Chief Van Dop began his new role on Monday, October 4, 2021.