

**MEDIA RELEASE****Tuesday, February 13, 2018****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****City announces new Fire Chief and City Clerk**

Barrie, ON – The City of Barrie has a new Fire Chief and City Clerk. The City is pleased to announce that Cory Mainprize will take on the role of Fire Chief and Wendy Cooke will be the City Clerk.

Mainprize started his career as a Fire Fighter in Barrie over 17 years ago and has steadily rose through the ranks to Deputy Fire Chief, and most recently assumed the role as Acting Fire Chief when Chief Bill Boyes resigned effective October 9, 2017.

"Cory has been a strong advocate for Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and has focused on innovative solutions, improved training opportunities and enhanced health and safety initiatives," said Dawn McAlpine, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services. "He has an extensive operational background, demonstrated leadership skills and a commitment to continuous improvement for the department, the Corporation and the community."

At the same time as Mainprize's promotion, Cooke will move into the role of City Clerk. Cooke has served as Deputy City Clerk for the last five years with responsibility for the Legislative Branch that includes Council Secretariat functions, Corporate Records and Information Management, Corporate Mail and Print Shop Services, administration of vital statistics and management of Municipal Elections and By-elections. Cooke joined the City of Barrie after 24 years with the City of Brampton in positions which ranged from a Legislative Coordinator to Financial Planning Analyst for the Development Section and Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects.

"Wendy has been instrumental in the successful execution of the 2014 Municipal Election and the 2016 By-election, led the implementation of the electronic approval tracking for Council documents and is currently championing the importance of Corporate Records and Information Management, said McAlpine. "The experience she has gained from her almost 29 years in municipal government makes her the perfect fit for City Clerk."

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