



The Corporation of the  
City of Sault Ste. Marie

## COUNCIL REPORT

March 23, 2026

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council  
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DEPARTMENT: Fire Services  
RE: Update to Deputy Chief Appointment By-Law

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of an update to an applicable Fire Service by-law.

### **Background**

A report from the Fire Chief dated June 19, 2023 was presented to Council containing updates to Fire Service by-laws. Due to a recent promotion, an individual named in one of the by-laws has changed and revisions are required.

### **Analysis**

The *Municipal Act, 2001* requires a municipality to enact a number of by-laws to operate the municipality and specifically their fire department. In addition to meeting this legislative responsibility, by-laws provide the community with important information regarding the level of service that a municipality intends to provide. By-laws also provide municipal staff with the authorization to provide these services and the responsibility to achieve the prescribed service level.

The update includes the following:

By-law 2026-32 is a by-law to appoint Gary Schryer as Deputy Chief – Fire Prevention, Education and Emergency Management (repealing By-law 2023-97).

### **Financial Implications**

There is no financial impact.

### **Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact**

Service Delivery – the by-law contained in this report will ensure that the City of Sault Ste. Marie Fire Service will continue to provide efficient and effective service to the community, resulting in excellent customer service.

### **Recommendation**

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

The relevant By-law 2026-32 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

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Respectfully submitted,

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