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Williams Lake Fire Department to see some leadership changes

The Williams Lake Fire Department will be seeing some changes over the next few months.

After four years as Fire Chief of the Williams Lake Fire Department, Erick Peterson has taken on a new challenge as the City of Abbotsford's Fire Chief. As well, longtime employee Joan Flaspohler is moving on after 27 years with the City – 23 of them with the fire department.

"We have been fortunate to have Chief Peterson lead our Protective Services department through many challenges, including natural disasters and other emergencies, and we wish him continued success in his new role," said Chief Administrative Officer Gary Muraca. "The Williams Lake Fire Department was in good hands under his leadership, and he leaves big shoes to fill."

"We are also losing a dedicated employee with Joan Flaspohler's resignation," continued Muraca. "She will be missed, and we wish her all the best in her new chapter."

Former Fire Chief Randy Isfeld will be stepping in to lead the fire department on an interim basis while the City recruits a new Fire Chief.

"We are fortunate to have such highly trained and dedicated career fire staff and paid on call volunteers at the Williams Lake Fire Department, ensuring our community's ongoing safety," said Mayor Walt Cobb. "With Acting Fire Chief Randy Isfeld returning to the fire department, the transition to a new Fire Chief will be well-supported. We look forward to welcoming a new Fire Chief as we undergo the recruitment process."

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