

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FROM: Mayor and Council
TO: Residents of the Town of Fort Frances
RE: New Chief Administrative Officer



MAY 8, 2024

The Town of Fort Frances is pleased to announce the appointment of the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective May 28, 2024 as per the By-law 32-24 enacted by Mayor and Council.

Mayor Hallikas shares this message “On behalf of Council, I would like to welcome Marcel Michaels and his family to Fort Frances. Marcel is our new incoming CAO for the Town of Fort Frances. Marcel comes highly recommended, and I and all of council are looking forward to working with him, to move Fort Frances forward.”

Marcel comes to us from Consort, Alberta, and will be joined by his family at the end of the current school year. Marcel was CAO in this community and served for the last year; prior to this he was Mayor of Hinton, Alberta from 2017-2023, and has served on Council since 2013.

Marcel is no stranger to Ontario. He was born and raised in Hamilton, has extended family throughout the province including Northern Ontario, and is a graduate of McMaster University where he achieved a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science.

“Public service is in my DNA, I’ve had a deep passion for community and politics from an early age, and I’m driven by finding solutions to problems that have people in mind” says Marcel. “I’m an avid volunteer, most notably 10 years as a United Way board member. A dedicated focus on relationships, whether Industrial, Commercial, Indigenous, user groups, and all others are imperative to a strong and thriving community.” Aside from being closer to family, boating, camping, and enjoying the outdoors are some of what drew Marcel and his family to the Town of Fort Frances.



Recruitment of the CAO position has been ongoing since it became vacant in March 2023. Travis Rob has been working in the capacity of Interim CAO and will be returning to his position of Operations and Facilities Manager. “I would also like to thank Travis Rob for the outstanding job he did for the Town of Fort Frances during his time as Interim CAO. Travis stepped up when Council needed him and continued to provide stability, leadership, and expertise during the lengthy search for a new CAO” says Mayor Hallikas.