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## Shared Fire Services Agreement between the Township's of Puslinch and Centre Wellington

**CENTRE WELLINGTON** – Both Council of the Township of Centre Wellington and the Township of Puslinch have authorized an Agreement for Shared Fire Chief Services. This agreement will see Centre Wellington's Fire Rescue Chief Tom Mulvey, act as the Fire Chief for both Centre Wellington and Puslinch's fire services.

"This is an exciting partnership between two Wellington County municipalities that will benefit both Centre Wellington & Puslinch." said Mayor Kelly Linton, Township of Centre Wellington. "We have an outstanding Fire Chief, and his expertise will be beneficial for Puslinch as well as a valuable development opportunity for our two Deputy Fire Chiefs. Centre Wellington residents will see no reduction in services because of this mutually beneficial partnership."

"On behalf of Puslinch Council I would like to express our excitement for the Fire Chief Shared Services Agreement, and a sincere thank you to Centre Wellington Council for supporting this partnership" said Township of Puslinch Mayor James Seeley. "Partnerships such as this are a great way to share resources, skills and experience and for the long-term benefit of both communities. The Puslinch Fire and Rescue Services are a proud and important part of our community, now, and into the future. We whole heartily welcome Chief Mulvey to our team."

Centre Wellington Fire Rescue is a division with five full time staff including the Fire Chief, that support and perform duties for Centre Wellington. The approved agreement outlines the Fire Services that Centre Wellington will provide to Puslinch and is set up as a 1.5-year term (pilot), with the opportunity to continue for an additional three years if the pilot is successful.

### **Background:**

As part of the County of Wellington and Member Municipalities Service Delivery Review prepared by KPMG (November 2019), the opportunity to share functional management expertise across the County and/or lower tier municipalities was identified in the top 20 opportunities presented. Areas identified in need included Fire Chiefs, therefore senior staff from both municipalities began to work on an agreement for this arrangement. This is not the first sharing of functional expertise, to date, Centre Wellington has successfully implemented similar opportunities including Human Resources Generalist services (Puslinch), Asset Management Technical (Mapleton), and IT services to (Minto).

