Town replaces Fire Chief Darryl Bailey effective immediately, Dave Forfar takes over in interim role

By Rob Paul

The Town of Caledon has announced that effective immediately Darryl Bailey is no longer the Chief of Town of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services.

In a statement, the Town thanked Bailey for his years of dedicated service in Caledon and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

Dave Forfar will be stepping in as the interim Chief of Fire and Emergency Services starting January 4, 2022. Forfar was previously the Chief of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services from 2013 to 2016 when he retired after 35 years of service.

Prior to working with the Town of Caledon, he was Deputy Fire Chief for Barrie Fire and Emergency Services where he was responsible for Training, Fire Prevention and Communication divisions, and with Markham Fire and Emergency Services as an Acting Platoon Chief and District Chief.

In addition to Forfar taking over as interim Chief of Fire and Emergency Services, two new Deputy Chief positions have been appointed.

Dave Pelayo will be stepping up as a Deputy Chief, Support Services for the Town. Pelayo has been with the Town since 2008 in Fire Prevention and in 2013 he was promoted to Chief Fire Prevention Officer.

Dan Rowland will be joining Pelayo as Deputy Chief, Operations. Currently at Humber College leading their Preservice Firefighting program, Rowland has 29 years of fire service with Brampton Fire and Emergency Services and is a former member of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services.

?On behalf of Council, I want to welcome Dave Forfar back to Caledon's Fire Service to lead our dedicated team of firefighters while we recruit for a permanent chief,? said Mayor Allan Thompson. ?We also want to welcome Dan back and congratulate Dave Pelayo on his well-deserved promotion. As our community grows and the demands increase, we are confident all three will bring progressive leadership and ensure we continue to deliver high-quality fire protection and emergency response to our residents.?

The Town of Caledon declined to comment on the circumstances that led to Bailey being replaced by Forfar effective immediately.