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Point Edward Mayor Bev Hand Announces Retirement of Fire Chief Doug MacKenzie

POINT EDWARD, ON — The Village of Point Edward announces the retirement of Fire Chief Doug Mackenzie, marking the conclusion of an extraordinary 45-year career in fire service.

Mayor Bev Hand expressed deep gratitude for Chief MacKenzie's dedication saying: "Doug MacKenzie has devoted 45 years to protecting and serving our community. His leadership, commitment, and compassion have shaped Point Edward Fire & Rescue in immeasurable ways. It is impossible to count the number of lives that Chief MacKenzie has improved in his years of service to our Village. We are sincerely grateful for his service."

"I would like to thank the Point Edward Fire Department for all their hard work and support over my years of involvement. We have faced many challenges as a team and I have always appreciated how we come together to solve these problems, said Chief MacKenzie. "I wish the Village and the Department all the best going forward and my greatest hope is that the Department continues to function in the safe and efficient manner that it has over the years."

The Point Edward Fire Department provides emergency response to the residents and visitors of the Village of Point Edward and has served as a proud group of volunteers for many years. Village residents have come to appreciate the professional and dedicated service of the Department, lead by Chief MacKenzie for the past several years. Mayor Bev Hand, on behalf of the Council and residents of the Village would like to wish Chief MacKenzie a long and relaxing retirement.

Deputy Chief Rick MacGregor, who will be serving as the Acting Chief in the short term, had the following to say, "45 years of service! What an achievement, as the Fire Chief and a close friend, Doug has been a mentor and leader to myself, and so many others over the years. Doug's leadership has not just built a great fire department but a family. I wish the Chief a happy and healthy retirement, which is well deserved."

Chief Administrative Officer Jim Burns also recognized Chief MacKenzie's longstanding impact; "The Village is profoundly appreciative of Doug's many contributions over his long career. His knowledge, steadiness, and unwavering dedication have been invaluable to our community. We wish him nothing but the very best in his retirement."

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