



## NEWS RELEASE JANUARY 17, 2019

### Full-time Fire Chief hired as of February 1, 2019 – SEAN KELLY



At the last regular meeting of Claresholm Town Council held Monday, January 14, 2019, a decision was made to create a full-time Fire Chief position and to appoint Sean Kelly to the new position. The appointment of Sean Kelly came on the recommendation of the members of the Claresholm Fire Department.

This decision has evolved from the amount of time and work necessary to perform this position to the standards required. The responsibility and liability issues that the Town, its fire and emergency services department and its fire fighters are faced with continue to impact and determine the long hours required of the Fire Chief position.

Because of the time commitment required by the Fire Chief, the Town has determined that a volunteer position is no longer a realistic option. The Town believes a full-time Fire Chief will ensure the proper management of all aspects of the fire and emergency services that are critical to the safety and quality of life of our community. There is an ever-increasing administrative workload related to the management of resources that includes reporting, inspections, inventory and maintenance of equipment and public education that has led to volunteer burnout in the past.

Sean Kelly has been a member of the Claresholm Fire Department since 2012 and has been developing his skills and knowledge since then in many different aspects. Council wishes Sean the best in his new position.

Doug MacPherson  
Mayor  
Town of Claresholm