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## TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW CAO AND DEPUTY CAO

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### For Immediate Release

The Township of Asphodel-Norwood is pleased to announce that Ed Whitmore will become the Township's new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective August 1, 2026.

Mr. Whitmore will be appointed to the role of CAO in addition to his current responsibilities as Chief Building Official, Planning Coordinator, and By-law Enforcement Officer. He brings valuable leadership experience, extensive municipal knowledge, and a strong commitment to public service.

The Township is also pleased to announce that Jordan Webb has been appointed Deputy CAO, in addition to his role as Treasurer, also effective August 1, 2026. In this expanded role, Mr. Webb will play a key part in supporting municipal administration, strengthening organizational coordination, and ensuring operational alignment across departments.

The Township completed an internal recruitment process for the Chief Administrative Officer position in collaboration with the County of Peterborough.



A lifelong member of the Peterborough County community and a proud graduate of Norwood District High School, Mr. Whitmore brings deep local roots and a wealth of expertise to the CAO position. With more than 35 years of municipal experience, including over two decades in senior management, Mr. Whitmore values collaboration, practical problem-solving, and a service-focused approach to municipal leadership.

Mr. Whitmore holds a diploma in Architectural Technology from Sir Sandford Fleming College and Durham College and has served the Township of Asphodel-Norwood since 2011 as Chief Building Official and Planning Coordinator. In his leisure time, he is an avid angler and outdoorsman.



Mr. Webb has been with the Township since January 2024 and has demonstrated the skills, professionalism, and leadership ability required to take on this expanded role. Council is pleased to see him continue to grow with the Township.

Mr. Webb holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Managerial Economics, a certificate in Advanced Accounting, and has completed the AMCTO Municipal Accounting and Finance Program.

Mr. Webb is also an enthusiastic team player. Prior to his municipal career, he played professional ice hockey for multiple teams in Europe. He continues to share his passion for sport within the community by providing coaching and training support to minor hockey and baseball.

Outgoing Interim CAO Mike Rutter will work closely with Mr. Whitmore in the coming weeks to develop a comprehensive transition strategy. Council and staff extend their sincere appreciation to Mr. Rutter for his leadership and guidance over the past year. His expertise, knowledge, and steady support have been greatly appreciated, including throughout the recruitment process.

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With these key leadership roles filled by such capable municipal professionals, the Township is well positioned to move forward,” said Mayor Patrick Wilford.

“Council is confident that Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Webb will provide the leadership, professionalism, and support necessary to ensure the continued success of Township operations and the delivery of high-quality municipal services to our community.”

Council looks forward to working with Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Webb in their expanded leadership roles and extends congratulations to both on their appointments.