



Media Release

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The Archipelago Announces Incoming Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Parry Sound, ON – Reeve Bert Liverance and the Council of the Township of The Archipelago are pleased to announce the appointment of John MacKinnon, P.Eng., who was the Deputy CAO of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM), to the position of CAO effective February 10, 2025. He will assume the position held by John Fior, who has been CAO for the last seven years and recently announced his retirement effective the end of March 2025.

MacKinnon, a Civil Engineering graduate from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, began his municipal government work in Cape Breton after a successful private sector career in the information technology sector. He was appointed Deputy CAO at CBRM in 2017.

John and his spouse will be relocating to the Parry Sound area in 2025. They have five children. “We are looking forward to the challenges and benefits of moving to this wonderful area.” said MacKinnon. “I was particularly impressed during the recruitment process with the Township’s commitment to environmental protection above all else.”

The recruitment process was led by a Committee of Council composed of Reeve Liverance, along with Councillors Laurie Emery and Earl Manners. “We are looking forward to John’s arrival and the experience that he will bring to our Municipality to help lead it into the future,” said Reeve Liverance.

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