VICTORIA, BC – Jeff Lambert will soon take the top spot as the 32nd Fire Chief in the Victoria Fire Department’s history, replacing Chief Doug Angrove who will retire later this summer.

“We welcome Chief Lambert to the Capital City,” noted Mayor Dean Fortin. “We look forward to his leadership and vision, and with the support from our strong senior leadership and dedicated firefighters within the department, we will continue to build on our proven history of delivering the highest level of fire prevention and protection.”

Lambert most recently served for over five years as Fire Chief for the City of Port Moody, and prior to that was Fire Chief in Fort St. John and Chief Fire Prevention Officer for the District of Powell River.

Starting as an auxiliary firefighter, Jeff progressed through the ranks of both volunteer and career fire departments. His interest in the Fire Service started with the Canadian Navy as a Marine Engineer where he was also an assistant instructor at the Canadian Forces Fleet School - Halifax Fire School and conducted shipboard fire fighting. Lambert served as president of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1298 in Powell River for three years.

Jeff has a Masters of Arts degree from Royal Roads University in Victoria and a post secondary education from Malaspina University College and the Justice Institute of British Columbia. Lambert received the Fire Services Exemplary Service medal from the Governor General, and is the current Chair of the British Columbia Fire and Public Life Safety Advisory Committee.

Founded in 1858, the Victoria Fire Department is the oldest department west of Toronto and north of San Francisco, and is well-respected for its dedication to the protection of the lives and property for the citizens of Victoria. The recent survey of Victoria citizens resulted in a 98% satisfaction rating with the Victoria Fire Department services.

Lambert’s first day on the job is July 25.

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