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Darcy Fleury Sworn in as Chief of Police at Change of Command Ceremony

The Board welcomes Chief Fleury to the Thunder Bay Police Service

THUNDER BAY, ON (May 15, 2023) — Today, Darcy Fleury was officially sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the Thunder Bay Police Service at a Change of Command Ceremony.

Over 200 guests attended, including members of the Thunder Bay Police Service, the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, the public, honoured guests, and delegates representing a variety of organizations and community stakeholders. The ceremony was the largest of its kind for the Thunder Bay Police Service, speaking to the level of community interest and engagement with the new Chief, the Service, and the importance of the new Chief's leadership to the community overall.

"On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome and congratulate Chief Fleury," said Malcolm Mercer, Acting Administrator, Thunder Bay Police Services Board. "Chief Fleury's appointment represents an important step for the Board, the Service, and the communities that we serve. He brings important perspectives both from his lengthy career in policing in Western and Northern Canada and as a Métis person. We look forward to working closely with Chief Fleury as we continue to address the issues and support our communities."

Chief Fleury assumed the role of Chief Designate on April 17, 2023. The Change of Command Ceremony concludes the formal transition from retiring Interim Chief Dan Taddeo to Chief Designate Darcy Fleury.

Fleury is originally from Manitoba and has 36 years of experience with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Fleury brings to the position his extensive experience in investigative, operational, and administrative policing, including leadership at senior and executive levels. His career spans postings in the Northwest Territories, Manitoba, and Alberta. He is a proud member of the Manitoba Métis Federation.

The Board's Governance Committee was responsible for the selection of Chief Fleury, along with thoughtful engagement of the First Nations and other leaders within the community.

The Board would also like to acknowledge the career and contributions of Interim Chief Dan Taddeo. Chief Taddeo has been a member of the Service for 35 years. Over the last year, he was an integral part of the Service and Board as the Interim Chief of Police. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him for his dedication and service.

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