

3. Council shall appoint a Fire Chief who shall be the highest-ranking Officer of the Fire Department. In the absence of the Fire Chief due to a leave or vacancy of the position, Council may appoint an interim or acting Fire Chief on the recommendation of the CAO.
4. The Fire Chief shall appoint Battalion Chief(s) who shall report to the Fire Chief as the second highest ranking Officer(s) of the Fire Department and who, during in the absence of the Fire Chief, shall have the powers and perform the duties of the Fire Chief. In the absence of the Fire Chief due to a leave or vacancy of the position, a Battalion Chief may be appointed by Council, on the recommendation of the CAO, on an acting or interim basis.