



# Press Release

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## City and Professional Firefighters Union Ratify New Collective Agreement

ELLIOT LAKE – Council for the City Elliot Lake ratified a new 4-year collective agreement with the Elliot Lake Professional Firefighters Association at last night’s regular Council meeting. The agreement spans 2017 through 2020 and was reached after 2 days of bargaining last week. The new collective agreement represents wage increases of 2% each year for the first three years and 2.5% for the final year. Some modest increases in benefits were also included along with changes to language and processes that the City was seeking related to overtime and vacation banks.

Mayor Dan Marchisella noted “I’m very pleased that our management and firefighters could come to a successful conclusion to their bargaining. Council has a deep respect for all our firefighters both unionized and volunteers and with a freely bargained agreement in place we can all stay focused on delivering and maintaining the high level of service Elliot Lake residents have enjoyed for years”.

City Chief Administrative Officer Daniel Gagnon reinforced that message by adding: “I am thankful for the firefighters’ union members and Director of Protective Services John Thomas for fostering an open and communicative relationship that allowed the bargaining process to move along so smoothly”

The Union and the City had been without an agreement since January 1, 2017.

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