



Mr. Aaron Gullins – CAO

Township of Ignace

Township Council Appoints New Chief Administrative Officer

“Council hires academic professional as its new Township CAO”

August 6, 2024 - Ignace, ON At an extremely pivotal time in its rich history, Ignace Council has unanimously appointed **Mr. Aaron Gullins**, as its new permanent Chief Administrative Officer. After an exhaustive Canadian-wide search, Council was presented with information and a recommendation in late July 2024 regarding moving forward with the hiring of Mr. Gullins, who holds impressive academic and professional designations and degrees.

Aaron holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering from Lakehead University. His robust academic background is complemented by over a decade of professional experience in the civil engineering industry, where he has excelled in project management, contract administration, and municipal engineering design. Aaron's leadership has been pivotal in successfully executing multimillion-dollar projects, showcasing his adeptness at managing complex, multidisciplinary initiatives. In his previous roles, Aaron has demonstrated a deep commitment to public service and community engagement. His experience in both the public and private sectors has equipped him with a keen understanding of both strategic planning and operational efficiency. His expertise in navigating contract law, risk management, and stakeholder engagement has consistently yielded positive outcomes for the communities he has served. Prior to joining the Township of Ignace, Aaron held senior engineering and project management roles at WF Botkin Construction, Stantec Engineering Services and TBT Engineering-Building Science.

“We are so fortunate, as a small Township in Northwestern Ontario, to have had the opportunity to attract and appoint Mr. Aaron Gullins, as our new Chief Administrative Officer. The Township of Ignace will certainly benefit from his knowledge of Northwestern Ontario, his public and private sector experience, as well as his extensive academic and professional backgrounds in administration and public works”, stated Mayor Kim Baigrie. “His previous experience in contract management, infrastructure, and the handling of multi-million-dollar projects, will no doubt, be an extremely important asset to this community as we continue our journey to become Canada’s potential first deep geological repository site.” Mayor Baigrie added.

“As CAO, I am dedicated to fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment in Ignace. I aim to enhance public engagement, promote transparency in governance, and implement innovative and cost-effective solutions for Council that address the community's evolving needs. My approach is rooted in my belief that a thriving community is built on strong infrastructure, effective communication, and a shared vision for the future, stated Aaron. “I am thrilled by Council’s endorsement and the opportunity they are providing me to continue to foster and assist in the future development of this community, and as such, I look forward to living and working in this amazing community.”

Mr. Aaron Gullins begins his new role officially on Monday August 19, 2024.

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