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JEPP Grant Funds New Rescue Tools for Parksville Fire Department

Parksville, BC - The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department through a Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) grant has purchased new rescue tools to update and improve its extrication capabilities.

The more technically advanced and powerful rescue tools will replace equipment used by the Department for the past 25 years. The equipment which includes a cutter, spreader, hoses, pump and telescopic rams, is kept on Rescue Truck 41. The new equipment is manufactured by the Holmatro Company.

Fire Chief Doug Banks said, "Our original equipment was still in good shape and maintained every year. however, we felt it was time to replace it. The new tools will allow us to extricate victims in vehicle accidents much more safely and faster."

The City of Parksville applied for a Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) grant through Emergency Management BC which allows for a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement. Total cost of the equipment was \$48,789.60.

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