

Parksville Fire Department Proud Owner of New Fire Truck

On November 8, the Parksville Fire Department's new state-of-the-art 2011 pumper was delivered. The new pumper will be designated as *E42*. This new truck will join four pieces of fire apparatus operated by the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department.

The truck was built and designed by Hub Fire Engine Ltd in Abbotsford and features a 1500 gallon per minute pump. From the time of order, delivery took about one year following a lengthy process that involved research, specifications, request for proposals and evaluation. As budgeted, the cost for the new fire truck is \$450,000.

"This will replace our front-line apparatus which is 21 years old and will give the Department the up-to-date apparatus to do what we need to do," said Fire Chief Doug Banks. This new truck brings the Department's pumping capacity up to Fire Underwriter standards for our community.

Over the next few months, prior to going into service early in the New Year, members will be trained on the new equipment and the truck will be outfitted by the Department.

Said Chief Banks, "It's been a long while coming, our members are extremely excited to get this new apparatus which will assist us in providing even better firefighting services to the community."

Residents are welcome to stop by the fire hall at any time to check out the new truck.

The Parksville Fire Department operates with 38 volunteer firefighters, three career staff and one part-time clerical staff. The Department services about 32 square kilometres and an estimated summer time 20,000 peak population. The service area is from Central Builders to the weigh scales at Kay Road along Highway 19A from the water to Highway 19. On October 29, about 300 residents attended the official opening and dedication of the newly renovated Parksville Fire Hall.

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