

New Fire Truck Ordered for Parksville Fire Department

PARKSVILLE, BC: At the April 15 meeting, the Council of the City of Parksville approved the award of a contract for the purchase of a new fire engine for the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department.

The contract was awarded to Hub Fire Engines and Equipment of Abbotsford for a total cost of \$474,978 plus applicable taxes with delivery expected to take about one year. Purchase of this new apparatus was first proposed in 2010 and is included in the City's 2013 provisional budget.

The new truck will be built to the same specifications as the truck delivered to the department in November 2011. Standardization of apparatus is a major goal of the department and will help to reduce training costs.

Because the Parksville Fire Department through a fire service agreement provides fire services to French Creek and San Paniel, the Regional District of Nanaimo will reimburse the City of Parksville for about 28% of the purchase cost of 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.

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