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## **New Fire Engine for PVFD**

Parksville, BC – On May 23, the Parksville Fire Department's received delivery of a new state-of-the-art pumper. The new truck will be designated as Engine 41 and will replace the previous Engine 41 which has been in service for 24 years. This new truck will join Engine 42 delivered in late 2011, also from Hub Fire Engine.

Engine 41 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 \$476,000.

The new truck will be in Victoria this weekend on display by the manufacturer at the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC annual conference in Victoria. Once back in Parksville the department will outfit the new truck and begin the necessary training to put it into service.

"Engine 41 replaces our front-line apparatus which is 24 years old and will give the department the up-to-date equipment to do what we need to do and bring the department's pumping capacity to Fire Underwriter standards for this community," said Fire Chief Doug Banks.

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

The Parksville Fire Department operates with 40 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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