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### **Structure Fire at 133 McMillan Street**

**Parksville, BC:** This morning at 4.15 am, the Parksville Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 133 McMillan Street, home of the McMillan Arts Centre, Oceanside Arts Council and the offices of the Parksville and District Association for Community Living.

Due to the quick action of neighbours who noticed the fire in its early stages, the department was able to extinguish the fire with damage limited to the ramp and exterior of the building and only smoke to the interior of the building. The fire started on the outside of the building, on the ramp to the upper floor and is considered suspicious at this time. The department will be investigating the cause of the fire today.

Fire Chief Doug Banks said, "Another five to ten minutes, the fire would have been much further along and this would have been a major loss to the City. Because of the immediate response by neighbours, a heritage building was saved."

The PVFD responded with three engines and about twenty responders and were able to extinguish the fire quickly, staying on scene for about two hours.

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