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County Delivers Fire Truck to the Town of Beaverlodge

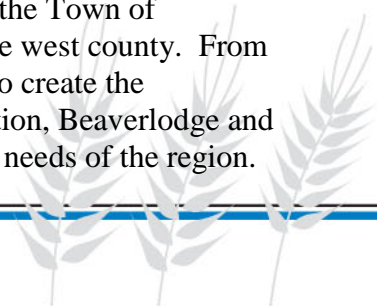
The County of Grande Prairie turned over the keys to a new fire engine to the Town of Beaverlodge today.

The 2012 Pierce wildland urban interface firefighting unit will replace a 1994 engine. The unit, which can safely transport five firefighters, carries 1000 gallons of water and can pump 1250 gpm (gallons per minute), double the current unit's capacity. The pump-and-roll capability allows the vehicle to simultaneously move position while effectively fighting a fire.



Reeve Everett McDonald handed over the keys to Town of Beaverlodge Mayor Leona Hanson. Also pictured are: (From left to right) Beaverlodge Fire Department Training Officer Stan Berry, Beaverlodge Fire Department Fire Chief Steve Rawlyk, Beaverlodge Mayor Leona Hanson, County of Grande Prairie Reeve Everett McDonald, County Area Councillor Pat Jacobs, County Councillor Lois Dueck, County Fire Chief Everett Cooke, Beaverlodge Councillor and Senior Firefighter Stan Metcalfe

The ongoing collaboration between the County of Grande Prairie and the Town of Beaverlodge has created a positive benefit for all of the residents in the west county. From our cooperation on the new West County Pool to the ongoing efforts to create the partnership between the GPRC and the Beaverlodge Ag Research Station, Beaverlodge and the County of Grande Prairie continue to work together to address the needs of the region.



Area Councillor Pat Jacobs stated, "We are privileged to be able to provide this lifesaving tool to help the men and women who sacrifice so much to keep us safe. It is a small price to pay if it means increased safety for our firefighters who risk their lives everyday." "

"This new fire truck is yet another example of our mutual cooperation," said Mayor Leona Hanson. "This new truck allows our firefighters to respond to calls in the County as well as in Beaverlodge. Our fire department has responded to over 150 calls this year and logged over 500 hours on scene, they now have a brand new fire truck to respond to the needs of our residents thanks to the County's new purchase."

"We are proud to deliver this new fire engine to one of our regional partners," said County Councillor Lois Dueck. "This is one of many initiatives the County and Town have partnered on to ensure the safety and protection of all of our citizens."

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