



COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE No. 1



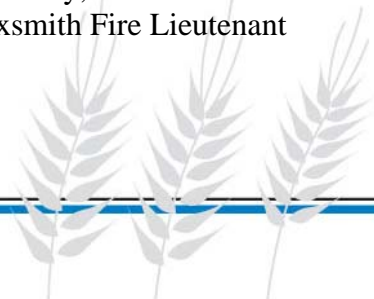
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County Donates Chevrolet Tahoe to Sexsmith Fire Department

The County of Grande Prairie today donated a rescue vehicle to the Sexsmith Fire Department in an acceptance ceremony.



Everett Cooke (right), Deputy Fire Chief of Rural Operations for the County, handed over the keys to Town of Sexsmith Mayor Claude Lagace. Also pictured is Sexsmith Fire Lieutenant Jason Nesbitt.



Council made a motion to donate the vehicle when it was decommissioned from active service. The vehicle was serviced, inspected and had some electronics installed on behalf of the County. Canadian Collision provided a new paint job to make the vehicle fire engine red.

“The donation of the vehicle sends a strong message that the County of Grande Prairie is committed to maintaining strong relationships with neighbouring communities,” stated Cooke. “A quick response to emergency situations saves lives and we know the addition of this unit will improve response times.” In 2009, the Sexsmith medical co-response team responded to 17 calls in the County and 44 in the Town of Sexsmith.

Sexsmith Fire Lieutenant Jason Nesbitt added, "The Sexsmith Fire Department really appreciates the County's donation of this vehicle. It will allow our service more versatility for medical responses and the ability to transport additional firefighters to emergency calls in the County of Grande Prairie and the Town of Sexsmith."

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