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County delivers new Fire Truck to Town of Sexsmith; boasts one of the most modern fleets in Alberta

The County of Grande Prairie continues to build on regional partnerships by handing keys for a new fire engine over to the Town of Sexsmith Fire Department.



Picture above from left to right: County Councillor Mary Ann Eckstrom; Sexsmith Mayor, Claude Lagace; and County Reeve, Leanne Beaupre.

“It is always a pleasure to work with other municipalities in making our region stronger and safer for all of our residents,” says Mary Ann Eckstrom, County Area Councillor. “I would like to take this time to thank both County and the Town of Sexsmith Council for their commitment in working together.”





The 2012 Pierce wildland urban interface 4x4 firefighting unit safely transports up to five firefighters; holds 1000 gallons of water; and pumps 1250 gpm (gallons per minute) which is double the old unit's capacity. The pump-and-roll capability allows the vehicle to simultaneously move position while effectively fighting a fire. This unit can be used in both rural and urban areas.

This unit is the fourth and final replacement engine in the County's scheduled replacement cycle. Fire apparatuses are on average replaced every 15 years. Replacement firefighting units were also given to the communities of Beaverlodge, Hythe and Wembley over the last two years. As part of County's Fire Service contract with these municipalities, their respective fire departments use these units within their own boundaries and in the County.

"The Town of Sexsmith is very pleased to accept the new fire engine for the Sexsmith Fire Department," says Claude Lagace, Town of Sexsmith Mayor. "This will be a great improvement for attendance to fire calls throughout the region. We truly appreciate our partnership with County Fire Service.

These four replacement engines are included in total of County equipment – nine engines, one ladder, two reserve engines, seven water tenders, four brush units and 16 support units.

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