

Bow Horn Bay Fire Department Receives New Fire Engine

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is pleased to announce the arrival of a new fire truck for the Bow Horn Bay Fire Department (BHBFD). The Fort Garry fire truck is a frontline fire truck that represents a substantial investment in community safety and protection. The approximate cost of \$745,000 is funded by \$270,000 from reserves and up to \$475,000 from short-term borrowing. The fire truck is specially designed to meet the unique challenges of rural firefighting in the community. The truck provides the firefighters with a purpose-designed layout along with a 4X4 drivetrain, enabling them to better respond to a variety of emergency and non-emergency incidents in the community, particularly in less-than-ideal conditions.

The new fire engine will serve Bow Horn Bay and the neighbouring mutual-aid communities for the next 20 to 25 years. With input from the BHBFD and RDN Fire Services, Fort Garry Fire Trucks designed and built the fire engine with these specifications:

- 375 horsepower Detroit Diesel DD8
- A 1,000-gallon water tank
- A 1,050-gallon-per-minute pump
- A 25-gallon automatic foam system
- Seating for 5 firefighters
- Storage for 10', 14', 24', and 35' ladders
- Pump and roll capabilities

For information on the Bow Horn Bay Fire Department, visit bowhornbayvfd.ca. For information on fire services in the RDN, visit rdn.bc.ca/fire-services.

"We are grateful to Fort Garry Fire Trucks, Fire Power Apparatus and the RDN for helping make this happen. This is Bow Horn Bay Fire Department's first new fire apparatus in 15 years, and we are looking forward to having it serve the community for decades to come."

Mark Taylor, Fire Chief, Bow Horn Bay Fire Department

"On behalf of the Regional District of Nanaimo Board, we're pleased that the Bow Horn Bay Fire Department has gained this valuable resource, which will support firefighters in responding to fires and emergencies in our community and beyond through mutual aid agreements."

Stuart McLean, RDN Chair and Director, Electoral Area H (Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay)

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