



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

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#### **Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department – New Fire Truck Delivery**

**Burns Lake, B.C.** – The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the community of Cluculz Lake are pleased to have received delivery of a brand-new fire apparatus, Tender 12, from Fort Garry Fire Trucks. The department honoured the historic tradition of pushing in Tender 12 during a ceremony in June.

With a haul capacity of 2,000 gallons, Tender 12 better prepares the department to respond to fires throughout the Cluculz Lake Fire Protection service area. Its purchase was supported by a Canada Community-Building Fund BC grant from Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) as well as Growing Communities and North West Revenue Sharing Agreement contributions. This made it possible for the truck to be purchased without any additional tax burden for residents in the service area.

"Our government is proud to have contributed funding for a new fire truck that will help better protect the community for years to come," said the Honourable Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada. "Investments like this are about more than equipment—they're about ensuring safety, resilience, and peace of mind for residents."

"This new fire truck will help keep people in Cluculz Lake and the surrounding area safer by improving the ability to fight fires. This project is a strong example of how all levels of government can work together to deliver real results for communities. This reflects our commitment to strengthening emergency services and building long-term community resilience."

- Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

"This new equipment highlights the strong partnership between the Society, the RDBN, and other levels of government to support rural communities with the infrastructure they need for fast, dependable emergency response, without adding extra tax pressure on local residents. It represents a significant and meaningful investment in the community."

- Shirley Moon, Director for RDBN Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

"The department was honoured to continue the long-standing tradition of pushing the new truck, Tender 12, into the Fire Hall. Due to the lack of hydrants and limited water access in many parts of our response area, this tender will provide critical support in all aspects of fire suppression, from structure fires to wildfire operations. We are grateful to Director Moon for her strong support for the department and the grant funding to make this purchase possible."

- Andrew Kalyn, Fire Chief, Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department

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