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Town of Chestermere to provide fire services

Chestermere, Alberta –The Town of Chestermere and Rocky View County mutually agreed to dissolve their current Fire Service Agreement and begin discussions towards forming a new agreement. Due to development and growth of the community, the Town of Chestermere has decided to move to providing their own fire service to meet the future needs of the community.

“Chestermere is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada and we are constantly re-evaluating the delivery of all our services to ensure we are meeting our resident’s needs and expectations,” says Patricia Matthews, Town of Chestermere Mayor. “We reached the decision to deliver our own fire services to Chestermere residents and move to independence. The transition will be seamless with no impact to fire services to our residents in Chestermere and the surrounding area.”

Rocky View County has worked collaboratively to provide fire services to the Town of Chestermere for the past 10 years. The two municipalities will develop a new mutual aid agreement for the delivery of fire service for the area.

“We want to recognize the leadership and forward-thinking of the Town of Chestermere in making this decision and planning to meet the future needs of their growing community,” says Reeve Rolly Ashdown. “The natural evolution of the fire service delivery demonstrates the ability of Chestermere to plan successfully to meet the future needs of their growing community. This is another example of teaming up with our neighbour with positive cooperation for the benefit of both communities.”

Staff from both Rocky View County and Chestermere are working diligently to guarantee the effective transition of services to ensure there is no impact on public safety. Matthews added the support and assistance from Rocky View County was invaluable for establishing exceptional fire services in the community.

“We are grateful to the Rocky View County Fire Services for their guidance over the past many years,” says Matthews. “We are pleased with the collaborative partnership we have grown and shared over the years and look forward to continuing our positive working relationship as both organizations grow to serve our respective communities.”

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