

PHOTO FEATURE

King Koin Laundry Destroyed by Fire



Smoke covers the sign and windows are boarded up of the King Koin Laundry on Prince Street, which was destroyed by fire in September. (Submitted)



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Half Million Dollar Truck Delivered to OBFB

By Linda Harrington

Many fire fighters of the Onslow Belmont membership showed up to welcome the newest member of their fleet and to receive some initial training on the operation of the specialized equipment onboard. The 2021 M2-112 Freightliner chassis was purchased from Nova Truck Centres, Truro Heights. John MacKay, salesperson from Nova says the company has had a long relationship with OBFB. "This is the 4th Freightliner truck we have supplied and we greatly appreciate their support."

The chassis was delivered to Lantz TruckBody, Port Williams last November. Jeff Lantz says the family run business employs six, including himself, his dad, Allister and his mother doing the books. The local company outfits many fire departments in Nova Sco-



OBFB Treasurer Walter McElhinney presents a cheque to Lantz truck body owners Allister & Jeff Lantz.

tia, building about 3 or 4 custom trucks each year. "We are a small shop but we can supply all the newest gear, including the multiplex electrical system and you won't find anything better south of the border," says Jeff.

The new Pumper Tanker has a 1250 pump and holds 1500 gallons of water. There are traffic aerial lights on board, with a backup camera and a Honda 5000 generator. A great convenience is the three-way offload water system, including two side dumps to

allow the truck to pull up and fill a porta tank from either side. A slide out for the backpack self-contained breathing apparatus was specially designed by Lantz Truckbody.

The \$510,000 cost for the new truck will be paid for from fund raising and municipal fire taxes. Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade district covers 225 square kilometers, with a membership of approximately 40. The brigade currently has four other trucks, a rescue boat, UTV, and two light rescue utility vehicles (one for med-

ical, one for forestry).

The new truck is replacing a 1984 Kentworth Pumper Tanker. The Brigade graciously donated to Plympton & Gilbert's Cove Fire Department this past December.

The handing over of the keys to the new truck was held with MLA Karen Casey and local Councilor Bob Pash taking part and then it was time for training so the new truck will be ready to put into action the next time a call comes in.



Deputy Chief Leo Morrow places the hard suction line inside the porta tank as Lieut. Blayne Turner looks on.



Chief Greg Muise hands over the keys of the new Pumper Tanker to Equipment Lieutenant Carl Gallant and Colchester Councillor Bob Pash as John MacKay, Nova Truck and MLA Karen Casey look on.



A training demonstration of the new side dump was held.

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