

BIG RED: A new Pump Rescue Fire Truck will be in operation in our community from next week. It's the latest addition to the Halton Hills' fleet and comes with all the bells and whistles. - Dawn Grimmer photo

## Halton Hills gets a new fire truck

By: Dawn Grimmer

A shiny new fire truck or "Pump Rescue" as it is officially called - has recently been added to Halton Hills' rescue vehicle fleet.

The new pump rescue vehicle is replacing their 1994 pumper truck and is

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state-of-the-art in terms of on-board water supply of fire trucks. It will be on the job shortly.

According to Deputy Chief John Martin, the new pump rescue fire truck is built to today's standards meeting all the new government diesel emission requirements. "It has an

2700 litres and a 5,000 litre per minute pump on board. Compared to the old fire truck it has a lot more storage capacity for tools and equipment. It also has inside ladder storage, which protects the ladders from road dust and ensures they

continue to operate smoothly," says Martin.

"The old pumper truck didn't have auto-extrication, or 'The jaws of life' as it's commonly called.

This one does," says Martin. "We're just finishing off staff training on the new vehicle and it will be ready to release May 15." He continues: "We have three fire stations in Halton Hills and they are all now equipped with new pump rescue trucks.'

At a cost of \$496,000 the new truck is "a very functional piece of apparatus" and will last at least 20 years. With the new front line equipment, Martin sums up: "We can respond and provide a better level of service to the community."



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Details of this opportunity and application forms are available on our website halton.ca/advisorycommittees, by e-mail to regionalclerk@halton.ca or from the Office of the Regional Clerk, Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be received by the Office of the Regional Clerk no later than Friday, June 5, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., and may be submitted online, by mail or by fax to 905-825-8838.

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