

OPEN HOUSE FIRE STATIONS

Leslieville - April 4, 2018

Condor - April 5, 2018





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History

- **1999 - Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services established**
 - Combining regional emergency services for Clearwater County, Town of Rocky Mountain house and Village of Caroline
- **2000 - formalized Regional Fire Services Agreement**
- **2008 - Leslieville Station 10 and Condor Station 20 (firefighters and equipment) respond as a single alarm entity, according to operating guidelines.**





Leslieville & Condor Stations



- Two stations are 12 KM apart.
- Co-respond to all alarms within their district.
(Approximately 10 yrs)
- Equipment per station





History Cont'd

Past Rationale to Move to One Station:

- Cost-savings by reducing station equipment from 2 to 1 and future infrastructure maintenance/replacement
- Slightly decreased service level, although response times aren't anticipated to be impacted significantly

Alternative Choice - Plan for Two Stand Alone Stations:

- Increased Costs (double the infrastructure construction)
- Project delays
- Social benefit





Fire Hall opened at Condor



CONDOR FIREMEN - stand proudly next to I.D. No. 10 pumper.

Residents of Improvement District No. 10 moved a step closer to more complete and thorough "fire protection" last week with the opening of a third rural fire hall department on its heavily inhabited eastern boundary.

I.D. representatives joined an enthusiastic 30-member volunteer fire brigade in the hamlet of Condor to officially open the doors of the 2-bay, Condor Fire Hall, Tuesday, February 1st.

The I.D. currently operates two other fire halls in the east at Leslieville and Caroline to the south, "but there is little doubt the addition of the Condor unit will help us protect persons and property in this area". I.D. Utilities Officer Alex Brown noted.

"Development, including construction, took about two years", Mr. Brown remarked during opening ceremonies. Cost of the fire hall was \$60,000.00 and was built by Hillsbury Builders of Condor. The facility houses a 1974 Dodge 500 gallon, Saskatchewan fire engine (originally in Caroline) and a 1974 Ford, 2000 gallon, water tank truck (from Leslieville).

I.D. councillor Wayne Devereux thanked the volunteer firemen for their willing ambition and co-operation in getting the hall operational as he, along with

new Condor Fire Chief Danny Stewart, snipped the ribbon officially opening the Hall.

"I've got an enthusiastic bunch of guys and I can tell you they are really interested in being firemen," Chief Stewart told us after the opening. He said there were thirty men who first came out and he was proud to add, "they are all still coming to our meetings and practices."

The first meeting of the volunteer firemen was held in Condor, December 7th, 1982 while regular meetings which usually involve a practice or training session, are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

The Condor Fire Hall Fire Phone Number is 729-2299.

Roughly speaking, the area of responsibility for the Condor brigade runs ten miles south to five miles north; 4-5 miles east of the hamlet and west along the Stauffer-Leslieville Roads - the Leslieville department coverage begins there.

Longtime resident, Ron Loughheed who is also the secretary-treasurer for the department, was beaming and expressed a lot of the hopes and aspirations of hamlet dwellers. "It's a great addition to our community and we'd like to thank everybody responsible - like all the I.D. ratepayers. Especially though we know much of the credit goes to Alex Brown who was worked hard to see this fire hall here. We're real happy to have it



RIBBON CUT FOR FIRE HALL - I.D. No. 10 Councillor Wayne Devereux (right) cuts the ribbon officially opening the Condor Fire Hall while new Fire Chief Danny Stewart and I.D. Council Chairman Max Vanden Brink assist.

for protection sake but also for the chance to work with the rest of the I.D."

Here is a list of the Condor Fire Department volunteers: Chief - Danny Stewart; Deputy - Dave Vickery; Secretary/Treasurer - Ron Loughheed; and - Firemen: Fred Miller, Brian Loughheed, Ken Kendze, Rusty Haney, Glen Urbinsky, Danny Urbinsky, Randy McKeage, Calvin David, Larry David, Harley Peterson, Darren Stewart, Jerry Ramsay, Tim Andrykew, Jack McColl, Neil Johnson, Ed Arseneau, Richard Straub, Gerry Hillier, and Ray Renkel.

Good luck and thank you Condor volunteers.



FIRE CHIEF - Danny Stewart accepts keys to the new Condor Fire Hall from I.D. Utilities Officer Alex Brown.

Pick Up And Pitch-In





Current Issue

- Fire Stations #10 and #20 are both subject to major upgrades to meet:
 - National Fire Protection Association Standard
 - Occupational Health and Safety
 - Alberta Firefighter Code of Practice





Timeline Summary

Council approved proceeding with the study for amalgamating Station #10 and #20 (EMRC Station Location Study)

2015

FEBRUARY: New Council directed additional public consultation related to fire stations/locations

2018

2017

JANUARY: Council authorized new station (amalgamation of two stations)

JULY: Council authorized land purchase





Timeline Details

January 2017	Council authorized proceeding with land purchase along HWY 761, in <i>preparation for one new Station serving Leslieville and Condor.</i>
July 2017	Council reviewed their decision to purchase land for combined fire station and directed administration to move ahead with land purchase and construction planning, within the approved budget.
September 2017	Initiate Formal Land Evaluation Processes (Due Diligence) Required as per Agreement to Purchase - Phase 1 Environmental Assessment and Reporting, Geotechnical Analysis and Reporting, Site Design and Engineering.





Timeline Details (cont'd)

September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Final Draft Completed of RFP for Construction of new Fire Station.- Application for Rezoning and Subdivision prepared, subject to the sale.
October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Municipal Election New Council (2017-21 Term).- Completion of Land Evaluation.
January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Subdivision Application delayed to allow current Council time to become familiar with history and details of Fire Station Project.
April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Additional Public Engagement





What are Council's Options?

- **Move ahead with One Combined Station for Leslieville/Condor**
 - One larger station
 - Complete formal land evaluations/purchase and building design in 2018, tender project for construction in 2019.
- **New Construction at Leslieville and Condor Stations**
 - Two smaller stations
 - Requires capital budget planning to address both infrastructure and equipment requirements.





Council would like to hear from you...

- Feedback forms submitted at open house today, or at fire stations or County office by April 13.
- Talk with members of Council.



Questions?

