



CHRISTMAS NEWS LETTER December 2015

Seasons Greetings from the Three Lakes, the Hayes Creek fire district, winter came earlier this year, ice fishermen on the lakes and snow staying on the ground.

Hayes Creek Fire has had another busy year with many calls and large addition to the hall. Since our last Christmas newsletter we have had 11 medical calls, 6 motor vehicle accidents with injuries, a logging truck rollover, snowmobile, quad and 3 cars, a chimney fire, truck fire and one dog ice rescue for a total of 21 emergency calls.

The latest addition to the fire hall is with a grant from Forest Corp and with labour donated by HCVFD members and other community members. Electrical components donated by Blair Poersch Electrical, and for this year work is much further along than planned.

This has given us an inside parking space for our Medical First Responder truck (formally stored outside in all weather), a work shop with work bench and an area now to do our refundable bottle sorting (also formally done outside). We now have storage space and a 750 sq.ft.space upstairs for community refuge during emergencies and a space to get together, uniting our communities in a common place for learning and recreation.

It is to be noted here that your yearly property registration fee (or dues) pays for insurance, (\$8000.00 plus), fuel and hall maintenance. No part of the money goes to infrastructure, hall additions or emergency equipment. The amount of money we received from the property registration (dues) has not been sufficient to cover these maintenance costs and we have had to use some of our grant money to make up the difference, this year we had a \$5000.00 shortfall.

Because of this shortfall it was discussed and voted unanimously at the August Annual General Meeting to raise property registration fees (dues) to \$100.00 per year from the previous \$50.00 per year and becoming effective January 1,2016. If you have any questions regarding the registration fee/dues please call Gail at 250-295-6898.

We are an uncertified fire department (no government affiliation and not on any tax base for funding). With a hall, 3 fire trucks. 20 volunteers doing fire, medical first response, highway rescue, wild lands rescue. Reached via 911, we have a signed first responder contract with B.C. Ambulance Service and a mutual aid agreement with adjoining Erris Fire Department. Together we carry and bring 18.5 tons of fire fighting water to a fire scene in either fire district.

A Fire Department/Christmas potluck supper was recently held with 62 people attending for great food and a get-together before the Christmas rush keeps all too busy. It was a great success and an opportunity for all to mingle and catch-up.

We tried to contact and welcome all our community and remind everyone that all community suppers and events are not by invitation, but are open to all in our fire district to come and share.

This venue is available for any community function but because of zoning and having a "garage" in the downstairs portion it cannot be rented for private functions, it is available for learning, A.A. meetings or such, community or club AGM's.

A reminder that free Wi-Fi is available at the fire hall, ask any Hayes Creek Volunteer for the password.

The Hayes Creek Firefighters are again hosting the December 24th Santa Run with the Osprey Ratepayers covering costs. If you have children wishing a Santa visit please contact Susie at 250-295-0774 or Ruth at 250-295-6660 with name, age and the address here. Try to give enough notice for Santa's elves to make preparation for the big event.

Our fire fighters and medical responders are your neighbours and we practise every Wednesday and are always looking for new members and are available to teach CPR to any community members.

Smoke alarms save lives
Best Christmas wishes from the HCVFD

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