

Paint Lake Volunteer Fire Department News

Remote Cottagers There are 5 barrel pumps placed in remote cottage clusters. These barrels contain pumps; hoses and instructions for set up and starting. The PLVFD has trained cottagers in pump use. If you desire a refresher or further training, contact Chief Loren Thevenot at 677-3655.

Please Support the PLVFD! Thank you for your continued support for another PLVFD's pancake breakfast before the Gary Watt Memorial ball tournament on September long week end. Our thanks go out to businesses for their kind donations. Also, thanks go to the Helitac crews, who set up the tent and picnic tables for this event. Another pancake breakfast is being planned for this fall.

You may have noticed that one truck was unable to be housed this past winter due to a shortage of space in the Paint Lake Fire Hall. It has remained parked outside, drained of water to prevent frost damage to the pump and pipes. Basically, the current Fire Hall is too small to house 3 trucks, since it was designed for only one truck. Also, there isn't enough room for fire fighters to meet and train in the present facility. Interactive training isn't possible without the electronics and furniture and there is no washroom facility.

The PLVFD and PLCOA have a joint building committee working on solutions for this important community issue. Also, contacts have been made via e-mail and telephone with other bureaucrats concerning funding issues for an extension. It is possible that Paint Lake may be eligible to receive a grant from the Building Canada Fund, (Federal Gas Tax Fund) under the category of Public Safety and Disaster Mitigation. We live in a Provincial Park, as opposed to a municipality, and this complicates possible grants.

Barring grants, the only other source of funding is a suitable increase added to cottager's property lease fees. The PLVFD has struggled to raise funds to buy equipment and train; and achieved a partially protected community status in 2004. This has saved road accessible cottagers in their insurance premiums. For those of you who are relatively new cottagers, this amortization funding method was used to build the current fire hall. The PLVFD also kicked in out of their savings to construct the fire hall, and mudded; taped and painted the interior.

Emergency Number: In case of fire, get everyone out! Then call Thompson Fire and Emergency Services at 677-7911 and give them the details of your block and lot location. The dispatcher will contact the PLVFD, who will respond within minutes.