

Mayor's Report

SVFD Takes Delivery of New Pumper Truck

The [Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department](#) (SVFD) recently took delivery of a new pumper truck which will assume the lead role in the fire department as 'Engine No. 1'. After several years of planning by a committee of SVFD firefighters, the order was placed last Fall after a call for tenders.

The new truck is a 2017 [Spartan](#) 'Metro Star-X'. The chassis was built in Michigan — there are no custom chassis manufacturers in Canada — and then moved to Brampton, Ontario, for finishing. The new pumper truck has a 380 hp diesel engine compared to 260 hp for the current pumper truck. As a consequence, the new truck will enable faster responses to calls that are up steep hills. In some cases, the time savings will be over two minutes.



SVFD Engine No. 1 — 2017 Spartan 'Metro Star-X'

The truck came with all of the required hoses, nozzles, suction lines, ladders, pike poles, and five complete SCBA units with five extra carbon-fibre compressed-air bottles. The cost of the truck was \$475,000 without equipment — \$524,000 with equipment — for a total cost of \$586,000 including taxes. As with previous pumper truck purchases, the cost was fully funded from the SVFD capital reserve account.

The pump is 1500 GPM compared to the department's current 1050 GPM pumps. The increased pump capacity is required for the new larger homes that are being built. The onboard water tank holds 800 gallons of water, and three water lines are plumbed for 'Class A' foam. Class A foam increases the heat absorbing capabilities of water, and also allows "exposures" to be covered in a protective layer of foam. There is also a front bumper mounted attack line for small fires.

The new truck can accommodate six fire fighters in the one cab which improves communication before arriving on-scene. The entire cab area and all riders are protected by Spartan's [Advanced Protection System](#), which means lots of air bags for all fire fighters in the cab. The cab also has heavy-duty air conditioning which will help in rehab situations when fire fighters are over-heated.

This new truck will allow the communities of Anmore and Belcarra to maintain their current insurance rating for the next 20 years.

Ralph Drew
Mayor

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