



BELFAST RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

Monthly Report to the Rural Municipality of Belfast Council

July 2026

Firehall Expansion Project

Construction of the firehall expansion has officially begun, marking an important milestone for the department and the community.

We are pleased to report that confirmation has been received for \$248,000 in funding through the Rural Growth Initiative (RGI). We are currently awaiting confirmation regarding additional funding applications submitted through other levels of government and funding programs.

Further updates will be provided as additional funding decisions are received.

The department sincerely appreciates the continued support of the Rural Municipality of Belfast, our funding partners, local businesses, residents and everyone who has contributed to making this important project possible.

Fundraising

Fundraising for the firehall expansion continues. Another fundraising bingo is planned at the Belfast Rec Center, with additional details to be announced.

Several other fundraising activities are currently in the planning stages. Information about these events will be shared with the public once dates and arrangements have been finalized.

We thank the community for its continued generosity and support of the firehall expansion project.

Recruitment and Membership

The department is very pleased to announce that five new recruits have joined the Belfast Rural Community Fire Company this year.

The addition of these recruits is an encouraging sign for the future of the department. They will participate in departmental training and work alongside experienced members as they develop the knowledge and practical skills required to serve the community safely and effectively.

We welcome our new recruits and thank them for volunteering their time to serve the residents of the Rural Municipality of Belfast and the surrounding area.

Honour Guard for Fallen Paramedics

Members of the department recently had the solemn privilege of participating in the honour guard and procession for the two Island EMS paramedics who tragically lost their lives in an ambulance collision in New Brunswick.

Firefighters, paramedics and other first responders gathered to pay their respects as the paramedics were brought home to Prince Edward Island.

Their dedication to emergency medical service and to the residents of Prince Edward Island will not be forgotten.

The Belfast Rural Community Fire Company extends its deepest condolences to their families, friends, colleagues and the entire Island EMS community during this incredibly difficult time.

Closing

The department remains committed to protecting and serving the community while continuing to advance the firehall expansion project, recruit and train new members, and support important community initiatives.

We thank the Mayor, Council, municipal staff and residents for their ongoing cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hews

President

Belfast Rural Community Fire Company