



BELFAST RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report to Municipal Council | October 2026

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Executive Summary

Construction of the firehall expansion has advanced substantially. The addition is enclosed at the roof level, with overhead apparatus doors and windows installed, while interior framing and site work continue. The attached photographs document progress as observed in October 2026. The department has also received portable water-handling equipment, with operational deployment details to be confirmed. Since the last Council meeting, the department has responded to four emergency incidents.

1. Firehall Expansion — Construction Progress

Exterior and apparatus access

- Main structure and roof installed; exterior walls currently have weather-resistant wrap pending final cladding.
- Four large overhead apparatus doors and multiple windows installed.
- New asphalt apron laid in front of the addition; surrounding ground grading is visible.

Interior work

- Exposed ceiling joists, structural steel columns and framed interior walls are visible.
- Apparatus-bay space is taking shape; building services and finishing work remain.

Site and coordination

- Exterior grading and remaining grounds work continue.
- Final completion and occupancy dates have not yet been confirmed.

2. Fire Skid Donation — GlobalMedic

The department has received a donated Fire Skid from GlobalMedic, arranged through Dave Rossiter of the PEI Fire Marshal's Office. This portable water tank, pump and hose unit can be loaded onto a pickup truck or trailer for rapid deployment to difficult-to-access locations where full-size fire apparatus cannot safely reach. It will improve flexibility for responses on narrow access routes, remote properties and other restricted sites. The department sincerely thanks GlobalMedic for the donation and Dave Rossiter for

coordinating it. Operational deployment will follow appropriate equipment checks, training and safe loading procedures.

3. Funding and Financing Update

The Rural Growth Initiative (RGI) approved contribution totals \$248,000. The department has received 50% (\$124,000). Paperwork has been submitted to request the next 40% (\$99,200), but these funds have not yet been received. The remaining 10% (\$24,800) is payable upon project completion, subject to applicable funding requirements.

Finance PEI has approved the department’s loan application; however, the loan has not yet been finalized. We are awaiting completion of the necessary legal documentation through the lawyers. Loan proceeds should not be considered received at this stage.

Applicable Canada Community-Building Fund acknowledgement requirements, including signage and website recognition, remain part of project closeout. This update does not constitute a full project expenditure reconciliation.

4. Operational Benefits and Next Steps

- Additional apparatus and equipment accommodation, with improved movement and working space.
- Complete exterior cladding and building envelope details; continue interior mechanical, electrical and finish work.
- Complete remaining site work and confirm required inspections, commissioning and occupancy approvals.

5. Congratulations to Incoming Mayor and Council (2027–2030)

On behalf of the Belfast Rural Community Fire Department, we congratulate incoming Mayor Lynn Docherty and the members of the Rural Municipality of Belfast Council acclaimed for the 2027–2030 term: returning Councillors Billy Gamble and Charley McGivern, and Councillors Joshua Mori, Dorothy Oulton, Robert MacDonald and Russell Compton.

We also extend our appreciation to the outgoing Mayor and Council for their service and support. We look forward to working with the incoming Council to strengthen emergency services and support the safety of the communities we serve.

6. Emergency Incident Summary — Since Last Council Meeting

Since the last Municipal Council meeting, the department has responded to four emergency incidents: one fire alarm, two brush fires and one single-vehicle motor vehicle accident.

Incident Type	Responses
Fire — Alarm	1

Fire — Brush	2
Motor Vehicle Accident — Single Vehicle	1
Total Incidents	4

7. Closing

The department thanks Council, funding partners, contractors, volunteers and the community for their continued support. Further updates will be provided as construction advances.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hews

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Photographic Construction Update



Front elevation: four new apparatus doors, wrapped exterior and paved apron.



Interior: structural steel, overhead framing and ongoing partition construction.



Side elevation: building envelope and remaining exterior work.



Donated GlobalMedic Fire Skid shown in the apparatus storage area.



GlobalMedic Fire Skid transported on a trailer; donation arranged by Dave Rossiter, PEI Fire Marshal's Office.