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## PRESS RELEASE

### Construction to Start Soon on New Loon Lake Fire Hall

**Kamloops, BC – February 22, 2022** – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has announced construction will begin in the spring of 2022 for the new Loon Lake Volunteer Fire Hall.

Manager of Capital Projects & Facilities, Ian Dagleish, said construction was expected to proceed in 2021, but the TNRD did not receive a bid within budget at the outset. “We’re very pleased that this project is now ready to go ahead.”

A Request for Proposal for the design and build of the new fire hall was initiated in the summer of 2021. On November 18, 2021, the contract for the project was awarded to West Alliance Construction Ltd., for a maximum price of \$1,264,120.

The fire hall will be located approximately halfway along Loon Lake Road, within eight kilometres of the most populous area of the community. The TNRD secured a 30-year Crown Lease of the 2.64-acre property in 2020.

Manager of Fire Protection Services, Jason Tomlin, said the TNRD is grateful for support from Electoral Area “E” Director, Sally Watson, and Fraser-Nicola MLA, Jackie Tegart.

Tomlin also recognized the dedication of members of the Loon Lake Volunteer Fire Department (LLVFD). “They have done a tremendous job serving the community under challenging conditions, since the Elephant Hill wildfire,” he said. “We look forward to serving the Loon Lake area with this new fire hall.”

Since 2018, the LLVFD has operated out of a 2-Bay structure at 1701 Loon Lake Rd. Long-term use of that structure is now being considered.

Borrowing for the new fire hall project cannot exceed \$653,000, which was approved by the community through referendum. Other funding sources include a generous donation of \$275,000 previously made by Fraserway RV, as well as public donations. Electoral Area “E” also allocated \$150,000 for the project.

Construction of the new fire hall is expected to be completed later this year.



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