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## RM of Rudy and Town of Outlook Formally Announce Outlook-Rudy Fire Hall *Outlook-Rudy Fire and Rescue Construction of New Fire Hall*

**Outlook, April 7, 2025:** Reeve Kent Harrington of the Rural Municipality of Rudy #284 and Mayor Ryan Husband of the Town of Outlook are excited to formally announce kick off of the construction of Outlook-Rudy Fire Hall at 211 McKenzie Street North. This is the biggest project that the Outlook-Rudy Joint Protective Services Committee (in existence since 2022) has taken on and the new fire hall is a great example of the benefits of regional and local collaboration. The fire hall will be the new home for Outlook-Rudy Fire and Rescue. ORFR currently serves the Municipalities of the RM of Rudy #284 and the Town of Outlook as well as the Villages of Broderick and Glenside (formal long-term fire and rescue protective services agreements have been signed with both villages).

In 2023 the Outlook-Rudy Joint Protective Services Committee announced its plan to proceed to build a functional, reasonable, affordable and sustainable fire hall with the project starting with substantial fundraising prior to selection of a final design. A community led Campaign Cabinet (fundraising committee) was quickly formed and was led by Co-chairs Gerry Gross and Bree Campbell. Additional key members on the executive of the cabinet were John Linsley and Stephanie Hogan. Other members of the cabinet include community members Arlin Simonson, Dale Wright, Maureen Weiterman, Dennis Fuglerud, Justin Turton and Dalas King, along with municipal staff members volunteering their own time to the project Luke Lockhart, Wendy Ball, Rachel Sillers, Kevin Trew, Trent Sim and members of both Councils. Throughout the campaign, the focus was that the fire hall would be built in the community, by the community, for the community. The campaign has previously announced that it has raised in excess of \$1.2 million.

Today, the tenders were awarded to 13 local contractors who, combined, have pledged over \$100,000 of in-kind work along with many suppliers also pledging additional supplies in kind. The total projected costs are confirmed at \$1.66 million including final landscaping costs and a contingency fund. All told, \$1.4 million has been raised in donations and in-kind pledges, the volunteer Campaign Cabinet is making a final push for pledges and donations so that this truly will be a **community built fire hall** at no cost to the local ratepayer.

The project manager selected last fall is RiverGrove Homes and they will soon be in contact with all selected contractors to coordinate and begin the project. The fire hall is expected to open in late fall, 2025.

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