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## **A new pumper truck for the Vaudreuil-Dorion Fire Department**

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 31, 2023** – The *Service de sécurité incendie de Vaudreuil-Dorion* has recently added a new pumper truck to its fleet of emergency vehicles which will officially enter service in the coming weeks. The truck, which was ordered in July 2021, represents an investment of \$1,078,060.21, and is part of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion’s fleet replacement plan. The new pumper will be based at Barrack 11 (Forbes) and will become the main front-line truck.

«I am proud of the Council’s support for the Fleet Replacement Plan, which began in 2014. So far, 70% of the fleet has been changed. The new equipment is essential to our mission, which, of course, is to save lives,» said Terry Rousseau, Director of the Fire Department.

This vehicle is equipped with a full-height crew cab, a high-performance foam system, an integrated generator, an LED light tower, a 1,000-gallon water tank and 200 gallons of foam. In addition to all this, all equipment, including ladders, is kept in trunks to shelter it from the weather. The entire body, which is made of stainless steel, along with an aluminum cab and a substructure made of galvanized steel, will guarantee an above-average service life for this vehicle.

### **A symbolic gesture**

With a nod to traditions of the past, the Fire Department made it a point to push the new vehicle into the fire station to mark the occasion. In the 1800s, when pumps and water supplies were carried by horses, it was difficult for them to move the equipment back. And so, the animal was unfastened and the firefighters had to push the pump into the fire station after each operation. To honour the custom, this symbolic gesture is reproduced by several fire departments around the world during the commissioning of a new truck.

### **Construction of the new fire station on Route de Lotbinière**

The Fire Department will take possession of Station 11 in 2024. It will become the second fire station, with staff on hand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to cover the urban territory of Vaudreuil-Dorion while also serving the municipality of Pointe-des-Cascades. The reconstruction work on Station 11, also known as the Lotbinière Fire Station, began in 2021 with the demolition of the old building which dated from 1966 and no longer met the fire department’s requirements. Currently, both crews and equipment are housed in temporary buildings nearby.