

Village CAO pleased with grant approval

Fire hall in Cremona will undergo renovations

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Luana Smith, chief administrative officer for the Village of Cremona, said she was “happily surprised” to hear the village and Mountain View County were approved for a joint provincial grant application for a \$200,000 project.

The two municipalities were recently approved for \$160,000 from the Alberta Community Partnership Grant, which will be spent on renovating the fire hall in Cremona.

The county and the village will each contribute 20 per cent of the project cost, which will work out to \$20,000 each.

Two new trucks are currently being built for the Cremona and Water Valley fire department and fire Chief Kevin Miller said one of them will be too big for the fire hall in Cremona.

The hall is attached to the village office and it’s

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where public works staff currently store equipment, tools and supplies. But once the new vehicles arrive, there won’t be any space for storage.

“They are running out of room; they can’t fit their vehicles in. It’s quite crowded. So we are giving up some of our public works space so they can move further in,” said Smith.

“Because we’re giving up our space, part of the grant was to create space, finish up a space for us.”

She said there’s a shop that’s attached to the village’s water treatment plant that has a dirt floor and basic electrical and heating.

She said officials plan to put in a concrete floor, bathroom and other necessities to create a public works shop there.

The public works office will remain upstairs at the fire hall, but the equipment, tools and supplies will be stored in the shop.

“This will just be, I think in the end, a nicer facility for them, and then it will be better for the fire, for now,” she said.

The grant also includes money for eight Alberta First Responder Radio Communications System radios.

Council accepted a letter for information from the province stating the grant was approved, during its April 19 meeting.