

# MVC applies for \$200,000 grant

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Mountain View County and Village of Cremona councils have agreed to jointly apply for a \$200,000 provincial grant to renovate the Cremona fire hall.

The Cremona and Water Valley fire department recently received a new truck and will be receiving another one that is currently being built, according to Luana Smith, chief administrative officer of Cremona.

County council passed a motion during its Jan. 27 meeting to submit a joint application with the village for the Alberta Community Partnership Grant for a maximum of \$200,000.

If the municipalities are successful in the application, the county and the village will each contribute 20 per cent of the project cost, which would work out to \$20,000 each. The grant would cover the remaining \$160,000.

“If we’re not successful then we’ll have to go back and re-look at the plans for that facility,” said county reeve Bruce Beattie.

Cremona council also passed a motion during its Jan. 19 meeting to assign the county as the administering partner for the grant application.

Smith said the renovations haven’t started yet although the department has already received one of its trucks.

“It’s going to be pretty big (the hall). There’s quite a bit of moving of walls and adding floors and things like that,” said Smith.

Included in the grant application is enhancing other public works storage areas in Cremona because the renovations will displace some of the current storage space.

The grant application also includes purchasing eight Alberta First Responder Radio Communications System radios.