



## **Old Fire Hall (Leduc) to be Demolished in Preparation for Future Affordable Housing**

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Leduc, AB – Leduc Regional Housing Foundation (LRHF) announced today that the Old Fire Hall located at 4906 – 47 Street in Leduc, Alberta will be demolished, during the month of July, in preparation for future affordable housing units to be built on the site.

Built in 1955, the Old Fire Hall replaced Leduc's first municipal building, a combination town hall and fire hall, which was built in 1907. The first municipal building was originally located along Main Street and then relocated in 1910 to the north side of the current Bank of Montreal.

In July of 1954, Town Council moved forward with plans to build two separate municipal buildings - a new town hall and a separate fire hall. Architecturally designed by Patrick Campbell Hope & Associates, the tender for construction of the Old Fire Hall was awarded to the Brunsch Bros. of Leduc, on March 24, 1955. The construction of the Old Fire Hall was completed in October of 1955 at a cost of \$24,000.

While the Old Fire Hall was used primarily by Leduc Fire Services from 1955 – 2004, the Leduc Public Library had temporarily shared the space from 1963 – 1973. Since 2004, it has been utilized as commercial space by local businesses.

In 2012, LRHF identified residual funds from the Leduc-Beaumont-Devon Regional Affordable Housing Plan and an extension of the plan was created which included the purchase of land and the Old Fire Hall from Clarence W. Gaetz in April of 2013. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, LRHF opened phase 1 of a 2 phase project, Gaetz Landing a mixed use building with 2 commercial rental units and 14 affordable housing suites.

“The demolition of the Old Fire Hall gives us an opportunity to celebrate both the history it holds within our community and the opportunity it provides to us for the future development of additional affordable housing options within the City of Leduc.” said Margot Hagarty, Executive Director for LRHF.

Demolition work is scheduled to commence the week of July 12<sup>th</sup> and should take approximately one week from start to finish. The work will be carried out during the hours and under conditions required by the City of Leduc Noise Control Bylaws.

“We have reached out to our neighbours located around the Old Fire Hall to be proactive, communicative, and cooperative with them in order to minimize any surprises or inconvenience that the demolition may bring.” said Margot Hagarty, Executive Director for LRHF.

For any questions or concerns regarding the work, please contact the LRHF Administration office at 780.986.2814.

LRHF provides quality housing solutions and services to individuals and families in seven municipalities - Leduc County, City of Leduc, City of Beaumont, Town of Devon, Town of Calmar, Town of Thorsby, and Village of Warburg. A variety of housing solutions and services are available including supportive living (lodge), seniors self-contained, affordable housing (non-market rent apartments), community housing (rent geared to income), and rent supplement programs.

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