

PIVFD Trustees Report - April 19, 2022

- This year, the PIVFD has been focusing on increasing the number of trained First Responders.
 - To date, we have 2 new recruits who will be cross-training for managing fire as well as a medical emergency: Martin Hogan and Gary Cooney.
 - Congratulations to Tracey Landerkin who has recently finished the mandatory Playbook training and will be receiving her new firefighter's jacket.
 - Captain Sandy Brunham is providing training for firefighters who would like to certify as a First Responder level 3.
- On April 9th the PIVFD hosted an OPEN HOUSE at the Old Fire Hall was well attended with over 40 islanders enjoying a chance to see our forestry equipment.
 - Captain Derek Morrison showcased our new rotary cutter lawn mower and Bob Crooks introduced Islanders to our Kubota lawn tractor that was kindly donated a couple of years ago by Fan Primrose.
 - As part of our Fire Prevention and FireSmart initiatives, the PIVFD is looking for volunteers to receive training on the operation of the Kubota tractor and to assist in the periodic cutting of grasses, which are a major fire risk during our dry summer months.
- May 7th (10 am) is Fire Smart Day on Piers hosted at the New Fire Hall. Please join us at this important event. There'll be lots of free plants and prizes to give away as well as a \$500 gift certificate.
 - PIVFD received a grant from FireSmart Canada for \$500 thanks to the hard work of Pauline Olesen
 - Brent Schorr – a Master Gardener will be giving a professional presentation on the best plants to buy which will decrease the risk of fire and enhance your landscaping.
- Other noteworthy Island events;
 - Thanks to our FireSmart Board and the work of many, many islanders, Piers Island has once again been successful in acquiring the Fire Smart Community Award for 2021. This is our 6th consecutive award.
 - The PIVFD is pleased to once again open up the Firehall training room for use by the Piers Island Library.
 - Special thanks to Ann & Gary Cooney for creating a mobile Fire Hazard sign that will be moved around the island.
 - The Old Fire Hall will take on an increasing role for the PIVFD as the summer approaches. It will be our base for forest fire fighting and will stockpile supplies and specialized equipment for interface fires.
 - You may notice that the PIVFD periodically is practicing with foam and gels, which can be very effective agents in fighting both structural and forest fires.
 - Beginning April 15, burn permits for all outdoor fires are required and can be obtained by contacting one of the five firefighters as shown on our website at <https://www.piersisland.ca/pivfd.html>