

SASAMAT FIRE DEPARTMENT ACQUIRES KUBOTA ATV

The *Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department* (SVFD) is pleased to introduce to the community SVFD's latest fire/rescue response vehicle, the Kubota *All-Terrain-Vehicle* (ATV), which will enable the *Sasamat Fire Department* to rapidly deploy personnel and resources to the more remote reaches of SVFD's fire protection district.

Bordered by the many kilometers of trails, right-of-way easements and rugged access roads that transect the Anmore and Belcarra communities, GVRD's *Belcarra Regional Park*, and BC Hydro's *Buntzen Recreation Area*, there is an obvious need for an effective means to access those remote areas where conventional fire/rescue apparatus is restricted.

The Kubota ATV is a diesel-powered, hydrostatic 4-wheel-drive, licensed, off-road vehicle, equipped with a 125-gallon water tank and Class 'A' foam induction water pump and complimentary wildland interface fire fighting tools.

As a wildland fire protection vehicle, rapid access to remote fires will greatly reduce the potential for fire spread, while minimizing the stress imposed on fire fighter personnel responding to those areas.

SVFD would like to recognize and thank the *Sasamat Firefighters' Association* whose fund raising efforts resulted in a grant of \$17,500 from the *BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch* to purchase the ATV. SVFD would also like to recognize the generous support from the following sponsors whose in-kind contributions totalling \$6,500 in value augmented the fire department's \$4,000 funding to equip the ATV:

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Dave Anderson, Jay Sharpe and Jamie Roberts with the new SVFD Kubota ATV