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NEWS RELEASE

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County of Wetaskiwin Receives Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Fire Accreditation

Immediate Release – The County of Wetaskiwin is excited to announce the achievement of Superior Tanker Shuttle Service (STSS) accreditation for three locations within the County. Homeowners within five kilometres by road of City of Wetaskiwin Fire Services Station #1, Station #2 or Millet Fire Department may be eligible for the accreditation to be applied to their insurance policies. STSS accreditation is recognized by many insurance companies to offer equivalent protection to municipal hydrant systems, meaning homeowners with the accreditation applied to their property's policy often qualify for significantly reduced fire insurance premiums.

STSS accreditation is awarded by Canada's Fire Underwriters Survey, earned by fire departments when they demonstrate their ability to successfully perform water shuttle operations that provide continuous water supply equal to or exceeding the minimum required for municipal hydrant water supplies.

To be recognized for Accredited STSS, fire departments must prove through rigorous testing that the specified requirements can be consistently exceeded. Both fire stations within the City of Wetaskiwin and Town of Millet have exceeded the necessary requirements, proving the ability to transport water from a static water supply and maintain a flow rate of 1,000 L/min for two consecutive hours. Over the course of testing, each fire department used pumpers and tankers to haul water from fire hydrants to a mock fire location, demonstrating the ability to qualify for the accreditation.

"We are pleased with the success of this trial and look forward to expanding the program to other departments" said Reeve Josh Bishop. "Thank you to the exceptional firefighters in Millet and Wetaskiwin for achieving this accreditation."

Property owners within the recognized areas are encouraged to contact their insurance providers to inquire about the application of STSS accreditation to their insurance policies. Visit the County of Wetaskiwin website (www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/STSS) to download copies of the Letter of Recognition to Insurers and STSS Certificate to provide to your insurance company.