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## ***Kings Heights Fire Station officially open***

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – Airdrie’s new Fire Chief Kevin Weinberger joined Mayor Peter Brown in officially opening Airdrie’s first purpose-built fire station today.

“This is an important day in the history of emergency services in Airdrie,” said Mayor Peter Brown. “Designed to meet the needs of our growing city, the Kings Heights fire station is an integral part of the City’s 10-year capital plan for emergency services.”

The new fire station is built as a Leadership in Energy and Efficiency Design (LEED®) Silver shadow project, which means that it’s built using the principles of LEED design and construction but doesn’t follow the formal certification process. Sustainable features include:

- Daylight harvesting through Sola Tube interior light system
- Low watt fluorescent interior lights
- LED exterior lights
- Low VOC (volatile organic compound) finishes
- Operable windows for fresh air and to decrease the use of air conditioning
- Lots of windows to decrease daytime use of artificial lighting
- Rain Water harvesting for exterior irrigation
- Low water use plantings
- Solar Heated Water as the primary source of hot water
- Additional insulation to prevent heat/cold transfer
- Low E glass to prevent heat build up

“I am looking forward to working with the Airdrie Fire Department and residents as our presence in the community grows,” says Kevin Weinberger, Fire Chief, Airdrie Fire Department, City of Airdrie. “A specifically designed fire station facilitates a faster emergency response and a safer community.”

The new station was built at a cost of \$3.9 million with 57 per cent funding from the Alberta Municipal Infrastructure Program.

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