

# **Best Practice**

## **Jansen and District Fire Hall**

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### **THE PRACTICE**

In 2006, stakeholders of the Jansen and District Fire Association decided that the old fire hall was no longer service enough purpose for the community. In addition to high heating costs, the Village of Jansen required a shop to house maintenance supplies and vehicles. In the past, the water truck was housed in the RM quonset behind graders and this posed a problem to providing timely access to the truck. It was decided that a new fire hall would be built that would be large enough to serve the residents of Jansen and district.

### **THE PROCESS**

In spring 2006, the four major partners of the project (the fire association, the village and RM of Jansen, and the Kinsmen club) briefly discussed their options. Because of the overlap between councils, administration, fire representatives and community members, there were no public meetings held.

To implement the construction of the new building, the ground was first leveled (property donated by the RM). Cement was poured, the walls were framed, and the siding was installed by local contractors. Plumbing and heating was tendered to all local contractors and all remaining finishing work was completed by volunteers of the Jansen and District Kinsmen and other community members. Funding for the project was largely provided by the Kinsmen, the Village of Jansen general revenue fund, the RM of Prairie Rose, and reserve funds from the Jansen and District Fire Association.

### **THE RESULTS**

Benefits include lower operating costs for the Fire Association, a place for the volunteer fire fighters can store all their equipment, and a building to house the Village of Jansen's maintenance equipment. The building also brought together community members to work together to finish the building.

### **LESSONS LEARNED**

Lessons learned from the new fire hall building were that even though the community population is declining, our community spirit is increasing. Through working together, the community accomplished a task and was able to see positive results.