



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **New funding puts Mission Search & Rescue a step closer to a new vehicle**

*BCTC provides \$5,000 for purchase of a new 1-Ton 4X4 Crew Cab*

VANCOUVER/MISSION – BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) has donated \$5,000 to Mission Search and Rescue to help fund a much-needed rescue truck that will assist in the recovery of lost or injured persons.

The new truck's primary purpose will be to transport search and rescue team members and gear into remote locations, and the secondary function is to serve as a tow vehicle for one of the two boats used by the team for water search and rescue on the Fraser River and Stave Lake.

"With this important investment, we are helping Mission Search and Rescue ensure public green spaces are as safe as possible for the community," said Jane Peeverett, BCTC President and CEO. "BCTC is committed to public and worker safety and we are happy to help Mission Search and Rescue help others by getting this new truck on the road."

"We need to replace our old 1981 Grumman delivery van which has been used as both a command post as well as rescue unit," explains Dan Elliot, Treasurer, Mission Search and Rescue. "We currently own a newer rescue truck but due to the vast areas we cover, time sensitivities and the numbers of personnel required for most of our services, a second vehicle is essential to meet the demands on the team. For example, last January we needed more than half a dozen vehicles to carry out the search for a missing four wheeler lost in Mission's mountain roads."

Mission Search and Rescue is getting closer to their goal of purchasing the truck. To date, the group has raised \$45,000 of the \$60,000 needed. All donations help to make a difference. To contribute, please contact Mission Search and Rescue at (604) 826-9727.

Mission Search and Rescue is a registered non-profit society dedicated to assisting in the recovery of lost or injured persons within the District of Mission, and the area to the north and east of Mission known as the electoral area of the Fraser Valley Regional District.

BC Transmission Corporation is the Crown Corporation that plans, operates and maintains the province's publicly owned electrical transmission system.

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