



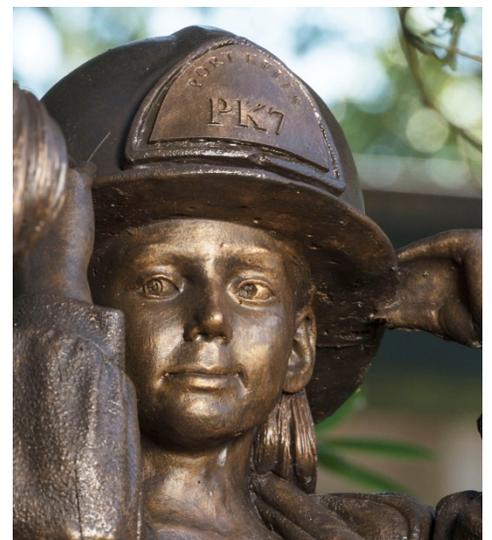
The New Recruit

Derek Rowe



Port Kells Centennial Community Hall, 18918 88th Avenue

Donated to the City of Surrey by the Port Kells Community Association, this group sculpture was commissioned to acknowledge the community service of local Firehall #7 which borders the site of this sculpture and Port Kells Centennial Community Hall. This life-sized sculpture recognizes Surrey Firefighters and the significant role they play in our community, not only protecting our community, but also serving as role models to children and youth. The story told by this artwork, illustrates the respect and admiration learned in childhood for the community services provided by Firefighters, and the role they play in creating a sense of community. The life-sized sculpture wears a firefighter's uniform, and the helmet has a crest that reads "Port Kells PK7". The sculpture is fabricated in bronze-coloured concrete.





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About the Artist

Derek Rowe has created much of his work while living on the west coast of B.C. He has designed and produced gargoyles, figurative sculptures and panels of sculptural relief that embellish architectural facades, as well as a range of life sized contemporary and historic figures, animals and mythical beasts such as mermaids. This sculpture is one of several Derek Rowe has designed honouring firefighters. It was fabricated by Bill Johnson of Art Forms Sculpture Studio in Victoria.

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