

DATE: August 9, 2017

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

SUBJECT: Fire Hall No. 1 Replacement Project

ATTACHMENT(S): Location Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the report dated August 9, 2017 from the City Manager titled “Fire Hall No. 1 Replacement Project” BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

PURPOSE:

To present a high level overview of the work completed to date on the Fire Hall No. 1 Replacement Project.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Fire Hall No. 1 Replacement Project supports Sustainable Infrastructure, Sustainable Fiscal Management, Organizational Excellence and Safe Environment.

BACKGROUND:

The existing Fire Hall No. 1 is approaching the end of its service life, with compromised architectural, mechanical, structural, and electrical systems, and does not meet current building code standards – particularly with respect to post disaster rating.

At the February 1, 2017 Council Meeting the Staff Report titled “Fire Hall 1 Assessment and Proposed Replacement” was received for information. The Staff Report presented the results of the condition and functional assessment of the existing Fire Hall No. 1 and proposed a new location for the replacement of Fire Hall No.1 on the south side of Massey Drive, immediately east of the YMCA of Northern BC facility. Subsequently, Council approved the Fire Hall No. 1 project in the 2017 – 2021 Financial Plan.

The attached aerial illustration demonstrates the proposed location of the facility and provides insight into its size and shape relative to the surrounding area. Due to the architectural design process, a detailed rendering will not be available until closer to the time of construction.

DISCUSSION:

The primary objective for the Fire Hall No. 1 Replacement Project is to build a facility that has a post disaster rating and houses the Emergency Operations Centre, Fire Operations Communications Centre and expands and improves our emergency response (fire and rescue). At the Massey Drive location, Fire Hall No. 1’s 8-minute response area would expand by about 50% compared to its current location.

Based on a budget of \$15 million, a facility with a Gross Floor Area of 2,000 m² (21,528 Sq. Ft.) is achievable on Massey Drive. The facility will address the community's requirements as identified in the Prince George Fire Rescue Standards of Cover Report and the Condition and Functionality Assessment. The facility will include:

- A design with post recovery rating at the forefront;
- A facility that minimizes the impact to Carrie Jane Gray Park;
- A functional Emergency Operations Centre;
- A well designed Fire Operations Communications Centre;
- A facility that accommodates modern firefighting equipment; and
- A facility that has the flexibility to accommodate changing staff demographics.

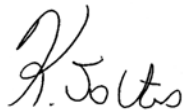
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The budget of \$15 million includes construction costs, professional fees, change order contingency, escalation, Massey Drive improvements and furniture/fixtures/equipment. There is no land acquisition cost associated with this project.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

This report has been prepared to provide Council with high level information to assist in the decision making process.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Kathleen Soltis, City Manager
Meeting date: August 21, 2017

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