



To: Community Safety Committee

Date: August 12, 2002

From: Jim Hancock  
Fire Chief

File: 5000-01

Re: **Community Safety Buildings Master Plan – Schedule Change**

**Staff Recommendation**

That the revised Community Safety Buildings Master Plan Schedule be approved, as outlined in the report of the Fire Chief, dated August 12, 2002.

Jim Hancock  
Fire Chief

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## Staff Report

### Origin

At the January 14, 2002 Closed Council meeting the following resolution was carried:

*“That Option 2 for the design of a ‘standard fire hall’... on Sea Island, based on negotiations with YVR, be proceeded with.*

In July, 2002 the City served notice to YVR that the contract for the provision of airside fire rescue to the airport would be discontinued pursuant to the 12 month notice period. This negates the need to delay replacement of the Sea Island Fire Hall based on negotiations with YVR

### Analysis

The replacement of the Sea Island Fire Hall was originally scheduled to take place before Bridgeport Fire hall. However, early negotiations with YVR, indicated their willingness to consider construction of a ‘perimeter’ fire hall. Since that time negotiations with YVR have collapsed and YVR’s participation in the project is no longer an option.

The rationale for reordering the project schedule, as set out in *Attachment 1*, has to do with the condition of the two fire halls. The Sea Island Fire Hall’s deficiencies are more severe than Bridgeport’s. The fire hall, located at 780 Lancaster is the oldest of Richmond’s Fire Halls. Originally constructed as a volunteer fire hall, the building is unable to accommodate modern apparatus or provide a minimum standard for the personnel assigned. Engine crews on Sea Island are accommodated in a trailer, which was installed on the site earlier this year, as an interim measure.

The replacement of Bridgeport Fire Hall could be delayed for a year in order to deal with the more immediate need to replace the Sea Island Fire Hall.

### Site

A potential site for the location of the new Sea Island Fire Hall is situated on City land on the west side of Russ Baker Way at the Cessna Drive intersection. There will be no project cost for land acquisition. The property is not in the Parks Inventory, but infringes on an ESA. Staff are still determining the feasibility of locating the Fire Hall on this site as it relates to the ESA designation.

### Community Input

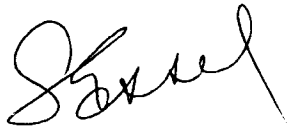
In keeping with the public consultation process undertaken for the other fire halls being replaced, a Community Open House will be scheduled to take place in September, once approval is given to change the schedule. Input from this meeting will be provided to Committee in a subsequent report.

### Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to change the order of replacement of the Sea Island and Bridgeport Fire Halls.

**Conclusion**

Changing the project schedule to ensure an early replacement of Sea Island Fire Hall will more quickly address the issues associated with operating a small, outdated building.



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PROPOSED FACILITY REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

ATTACHMENT 1

Revised August 6, 2002

Facility	2002 Civic Election year	2003	2004	2005 Civic Election year	2006	2007	2008 Civic Election Year
CSB HQ Replacement (RCMP, RFR, EOC, Traffic) 108,000sf							
CSB HQ Bylaw Enforcement – 3,500sf							
Fire Hall No. 2 Steveston - Seismic Upgrade							
<b>Fire Hall No. 3 Bridgeport - Replacement</b>							
<b>Fire Hall No. 4 Sea Island Replacement</b>							
Fire Hall No. 5 Hamilton Replacement							
Fire Hall No. 5 Land Acquisition							
Fire Hall No. 6 Seismic Upgrade							
Fire Hall No. 7 Renovations							

