



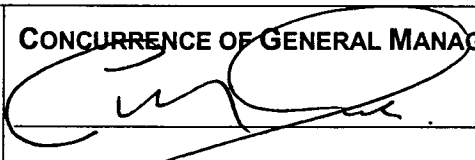
**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** Jim Hancock  
 Fire Chief  
**Re:** Hamilton Fire Hall Configuration

**Date:** July 25, 2002  
**File:** 5000-01

**Staff Recommendation**

1. THAT the scope of the new Hamilton Fire Hall project, be changed to include public washrooms, at a cost of \$55,000

Jim Hancock  
 Fire Chief

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## Staff Report

### Origin

On May 27, 2002 Council approved the Hamilton Fire Hall project with a recommended Standard Fire Hall configuration of 7650 square feet.

At the July 9, 2002 Community Safety Committee, staff advised Committee of the findings from the Community Safety Open Houses. At this time Committee was advised of Hamilton residents' desire for more community use space in Hamilton. During the discussion committee asked for information regarding the cost of including additional amenities – *a Community Police Station and public washrooms*, in the design and construction of the Hamilton Fire Hall.

This report gives Committee the costs for public washrooms and community policing.

### Analysis

A steering committee which consists of members from Fire Rescue, RCMP, Community Safety, Facilities Planning and Construction, and Parks has been formed to guide the Community Safety Buildings Project. The co-chairs of the committee are Fire Chief Jim Hancock, and Director of Engineering, Steve Ono.

### Current Configuration

In order to verify stakeholder requirements for Hamilton Fire Hall, the steering committee conducted a staff workshop on June 24, 2002. At the workshop, the following project requirements were verified:

- A 2 bay fire hall of *7650 square feet*, which would include
- Meeting space of *300 square feet*, and
- Community Policing needs of approximately *150 square feet* of secure office space for a satellite community policing office which would be operated on a part time basis over the next 5 years.

These requirements are accommodated within the current approved project budget.

### Community Police Station

The RCMP have indicated that it would be preferable to locate a community policing office within a community centre. However, exact requirements such as siting, access, parking, programming and configuration for a future community centre and community policing office are unknown at this time. In the interim, the RCMP have indicated that community policing needs could be met by the *150 square feet* of secure office space in the new Hamilton Fire Hall. The cost of the interim community policing space is included in the original budget.

### Public Washrooms

The current design accommodates one handicapped accessible washroom in the foyer of the fire hall. Community input from the Hamilton Community Safety Open House indicated a need for public washrooms accessible from the park.

Through a change in the scope for the new fire hall, the handicapped accessible washroom would continue to be located inside the fire hall, and standard men's and women's washrooms would be located on the side of the fire hall. These would be accessible from the outside of the building and located facing the park. The cost for including public washrooms in the new Fire Hall is \$55,000.

**Financial Impact**

The cost of adding public washrooms to the new fire hall is \$55K. The cost of the community policing space is included in the current budget.

**Conclusion**

Installing public washrooms in the new fire hall would add easily accessible public washrooms at McLean Park.



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