



To: Community Safety Committee

Date: November 22, 2005

From: Robert Gonzalez, P.Eng.
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Re: Fire Hall Construction and Seismic Upgrade Update

Staff Recommendation

That the "Fire Hall Construction and Seismic Upgrade Update" report from the Director Engineering be received for information.

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Staff Report

Origin

At the November 15, 2005 Community Safety Committee meeting, the Chair requested that staff prepare a report for presentation to Committee at the next meeting on the rationale for the delay in the construction of the new Bridgeport Fire Hall, including a new timeline for construction of the facility. Staff were also requested to include in the report, information on the status of the budget, the status of the building phases and seismic upgrades, and how funding would be provided for these projects.

This report responds to the above referral.

Background

Under the current existing schedule adopted by Council in March 2003 the following program was planned:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sea Island Fire Hall # 4 	Construction	2004 (revised to 2005 as per Council for combined tender)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamilton Fire Hall # 5 	Construction	2005
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridgeport Fire Hall # 3 	Construction	2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steveston Fire Hall # 2 	Seismic Upgrade	2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shellmont Fire Hall # 6 	Seismic Upgrade	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crestwood Fire Hall # 7 	Renovations	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS Headquarters 	Construction	2007 / 2008

Fire Rescue have, as directed by Council investigated a number of alternate locations east of the current location on Bridgeport Road in order to improve emergency response cover to the north east sector of the Cambie and Bridgeport communities. Until May 2004, a site was under consideration at a location on Cambie at Shell Road, unfortunately prior to bringing forward the sale agreement the landowner opted to sell the subject property, leaving the City without a suitable site.

More recently, during the amendment to the West Cambie Community Plan, a city-owned property was identified on Cambie Road as an alternate location and preliminary discussions were held with adjacent property owners in order to consolidate a suitable parcel for eventual rezoning to SPU, thus allowing a fire hall to be constructed.

However, in April 2005 a submission was presented to TAG by the RCMP and Fire Rescue proposing that as an optional site to the location of the Community Safety Headquarters at Minoru Park, consideration be given to the feasibility of moving the headquarters onto the DFO/Garden City Lands, given the lands proximity to City Centre.

Analysis

As a result of the above proposal that would evaluate the CSBHQ move from its proposed site at Minoru Park to the DFO/Garden City Lands, it has not been possible to negotiate the additional land acquisition for the new Bridgeport Fire Hall site along the Cambie corridor. The affected owners have been apprised of the City's due process and the desired properties remain available should the City choose to pursue this option.

Consequently, in order to not unduly delay the overall intent of the Community Safety Building Replacement program, through the current uncertainty, size and location of the new Bridgeport Fire Hall, staff have proposed through the 2006 capital budget and 5 year program, revisions to the overall construction schedule that reflect the following changes, subject to budget approval. Note that the 2006 Capital Program has not yet been finalized and will be presented to Council for review in the near future.

• Sea Island Fire Hall # 4	Construction	2005 (opening 2006)
• Hamilton Fire Hall	Construction	2005 (opening 2006)
• CS Headquarters	Facility programming	2005 / 2006
• Steveston Fire Hall #F 2	Seismic Upgrade	2006
• Shellmont Fire Hall # 6	Seismic Upgrade	2006
• Bridgeport Fire Hall # 3	Construction	2008
• Crestwood Fire Hall # 7	Renovations	2008
• CS Headquarters	Construction	(under review)

Budget Status and Funding Strategy

The Hamilton and Sea Island Fire Hall projects currently under construction will be completed in late February 2006 and are on budget.

The Bridgeport Fire Hall and the Seismic Upgrade projects are identified in the 5 year capital plan with the following identified as Capital Building and Infrastructure Reserve (CBI) funding sources:

Annual operating budget contribution of	\$ 1,496,000
Annual contribution from gaming revenues of approx.	\$ <u>1,700,000</u>
Total Annual Funding	\$ 3,196,000

Financial Impact

None.

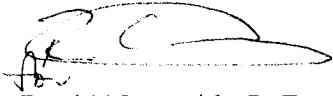
Conclusion

To date, the Fire Hall upgrades undertaken by the City follow Council's adopted schedule. The 2006 Capital Program that will be presented to Council for consideration has been adjusted in order that affordable seismic upgrades can proceed while final location discussions for the Bridgeport Fire Hall continue.

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By adjusting the schedule as proposed in the 2006 Capital Program, the City will remain on track to meet all of the commitments relating to Fire Rescue by 2008 according to the original schedule.

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