



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Finance Committee
From: Jim Hancock
Fire Chief
Re: No. 1 Fire Hall Renovations

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Staff Recommendation

That \$100,000 be transferred from the Fire Equipment Upgrade Project to the Fire Rescue Upgrade - #1 Fire Hall Project to allow for the completion of renovations in 2007.

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Fire Chief
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Staff Report

Origin

Richmond Fire-Rescue has audited existing fire hall facilities for gender and privacy issues and implemented a plan to renovate its facilities to address the gender inequities.

A plan is in place to make the recommended changes to address gender and privacy issues in No. 1, 2, and 7 Halls. The new Halls No. 4 and 5 required minor changes during construction and provide excellent facilities. Halls No. 3 will be newly constructed in 2007/2008 and Hall 6 will have major renovations starting in the fall of 2007.

The current plan is for the No. 1 Hall renovations to be completed in 2007 to ensure the new recruits are welcomed into an appropriate environment. The first phase of the project included the relocation of the Fire Prevention staff to Granville Ave, renovating the vacated offices, relocated the training staff and fitness area. Completion of the first phase will then permit the second phase – the alterations to the washroom and dorm facilities to be completed by the end of September 2007, ahead of the original schedule which was 2008.

Analysis

Staff recommend that due to the advanced schedule the \$100,000 which was to originally have been expended in 2008 for the second phase of construction be transferred from the 2007 Fire Equipment Upgrade Project to the Fire Rescue Upgrade - #1 Fire Hall Project. The funding for the 2007 Fire Equipment Upgrades was to be allocated to the replacement and upgrade of a variety of equipment, such as thermal imaging cameras, emergency power generators and air monitoring equipment. This list has been reprioritized and some less urgent items postponed to 2008 to accommodate the transfer to the #1 Fire Hall Project. In 2008, a request will be made during the budget process for \$100,000 to be included in the Fire Equipment Upgrade Project.

Financial Impact

No additional funding is being requested.

Conclusion

In order to ensure the new recruits are accommodated by September 2007 funds be transferred in the amount of \$100,000 be transferred from the 2007 Fire Equipment Upgrade Project to the Fire Rescue Upgrade - #1 Fire Hall Project.

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