



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Ron Beaman
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Re: Fire Hall Facility Alterations Update

to Community Safety - Feb. 13, 2007.
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Staff Recommendation

That the report on Fire Hall Facility Alterations actions be received for information.

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Staff Report

Origin

At the October 2, 2006 General Purposes Committee meeting, staff presented a report detailing the physical alterations planned to existing fire halls. The report was prepared in response to Vince Ready's review and in particular, the 90-day action items. This report provides an update on the status of the facility alterations.

Findings Of Fact

A staff team comprised of Fire-Rescue management, Facilities management, and the IAFF, Local 1286 representatives met several times to develop fire hall alterations plans and schedules. The team agreed to the actions and schedules outlined in this report and met the December 21, 2006 (90-day) deadline, obligations and consultation requirements as set out by Mr. Ready.

The review team worked under the following terms of reference:

- Facilities should be provided equitably to all genders.
- Privacy in washroom, shower, change, and dorm areas is required.
- Expenditure of funds should be reasonable and where possible materials re-used in future facilities, as is the case for Bridgeport and No. 1 fire halls.
- Timing of projects should be responsive to needs and where possible maximize existing construction projects; as is the case with the seismic upgrades for the Shellmont and Steveston fire halls.

The details and agreed to timing of the fire hall alterations is appended to this report as *Attachment 1*. Future reports for Council will address other fire hall facilities including:

- The implementation of administrative procedures for fire hall facility standards.
- Status of the seismic upgrades for Steveston and Shellmont fire halls.
- Future construction of the Bridgeport and No. 1 fire halls.

Financial Impact

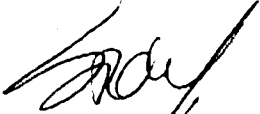
The cost for the fire hall upgrades to halls 1, 3 and 7 is as follows:

Firehall No.	Amount	Funding Source
1	\$ 90,000	2007 FM Building Improvements
3	30,000	2007 FM Building minor capital
7	12,000	2006 FR Council funding
	<u>\$ 132,000</u>	

The funding sources for fire halls 2 and 6 will be part of the seismic upgrade project and the subject of a separate report.

Conclusion

Fire-Rescue is making positive physical changes to the fire halls that address gender equality and privacy needs for fire fighters. The physical fire hall alterations in combination with workforce initiatives will create a more positive work environment in which to receive a diverse workforce.



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Fire Hall Renovations - Concept Plan Development

Renovations are planned in the five existing fire halls. The scope of changes for each fire hall has been identified and conceptual renovation plans prepared. The status of each fire hall alteration is as follows:

No. 1 Fire Hall – The women’s shower facility and adjacent locker areas will be converted to the women’s washroom/shower facility. The door to the janitorial supplies closet will be relocated into the hallway and no longer be accessed through the men’s washroom. The training officers will be relocated across the hall and that space converted into a fitness/training room. The existing dorm area will be renovated to allow for beds complete with metal lockers accommodating two captains’ dorms and 12 crew dorms with a maximum locker count of 80.

Timing: Washroom renovations to commence in March 2007 and completion of dorm area in 2008.

Steveston Fire Hall 2 – Seismic upgrade of this hall will include renovations to the second floor and the redesign will incorporate individual 3-piece (water closet, lavatory, shower) unisex washrooms for use by a single person regardless of sex instead of individual gender facilities.

Timing: The seismic upgrades for Halls 2 and 6 are the subject of a future report.

Bridgeport Fire Hall 3 – The existing dorm will be converted to four separate areas through the use of metal lockers and privacy curtains. This is a temporary measure with the intent to reuse the beds and lockers in the replacement hall. A new hall will provide individual 3-piece (water closet, lavatory, shower) unisex washrooms for use by a single person regardless of sex instead of segregated gender facilities.

Timing: The concept design for the replacement of Hall 3 will commence in 2007.

Shellmont Fire Hall 6 – Seismic upgrade of this hall will necessitate reconstruction of the existing washroom facilities. The new facilities will be individual 3-piece (water closet, lavatory, shower) unisex washrooms for use by a single person regardless of sex instead of segregated gender facilities.

Timing: The seismic upgrades for Halls 6 and 2 are the subject of a future report.

Crestwood Fire Hall 7 – A small privacy wall will be constructed outside the entrance to the washroom facility on the second floor to provide visual privacy from the corridor/dorm areas. Privacy curtains will be added to existing dorm stations.

Timing: Privacy wall construction and privacy curtain installation in spring 2007.

Summary

Fire Hall Washrooms - Washroom signage has been ordered as appropriate for all fire halls.

Timing: Equipment has been ordered. Signs will be installed as required during this process.

Fire Fighter Locker Prototype – A new metal locker prototype that will form part of new dorm stations has been delivered to Fire Hall 1. The IAFF Local 1286 has been consulted on the prototype and the fire fighter feedback is positive.

Timing: The new locker prototype will be introduced into the Bridgeport and No. 1 fire halls.

Fire Hall Facility Standards – Fire Hall facility standards addressing equitable access for genders and fire fighter privacy have been developed and are presented in a separate report to Committee for consideration in February 2007.