



CENTRAL YORK FIRE SERVICES

February 17, 2016

CENTRAL YORK FIRE SERVICES REPORT 2016-01

To: Joint Council Committee
Origin: Central York Fire Services - Fire Chief
Subject: New Fire Station Design

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Central York Fire Services Report 2016-01 dated February 17, 2016, New Fire Station Design be received for information purposes;

AND THAT JCC authorize the retention of a consultant to assist with the design and preparation of options regarding site development and configuration of the new fire station;

AND THAT the Fire Chief and consultant report back to JCC with an analysis of the options regarding the development of the site and request the authorization to proceed with construction upon council approval.

COMMENTS

In 2015 following the recommendation of JCC both Newmarket and Aurora Councils approved the Fire Department Master Plan Update (FDMPU) which contained the provision for a fifth fire station to be located in the central area of the two communities.

The land purchase for the new fire station closed on February 12, 2016 and the next phase of the project is the design of the facility. At a January Newmarket Council meeting, discussions took place around options for the fire station design and its uses which will be explored as part of the design process. The process will include preliminary design and block schematics which will allow the participation of a number of stakeholders. Elected officials, town staff and fire staff will be invited to participate in the comment phase of the project. Staff will report back with an analysis of the options and upon approval of Council request authorization to proceed with construction of the fire station.

CONCLUSION

As outlined in the FDMPU, the preferred option to address the emergency service needs of the community and increase the effectiveness of the fire service is the placement of the fifth fire station in the central area of the two communities. The central area of the two communities is currently being developed at a rapid rate; retention of a consultant to design the station will expedite the process and allow for a competitive bid process to initiate construction of the facility. The design and construction process is expected to take up to two years from the design start date.

CYFS is constantly striving to achieve more effective coverage of our primary response area and until this station is completed, primary response to the central area of the two municipalities will be from existing fire station locations.

BUDGET IMPACT

As a new fire facility is considered to cover growth and development in the two communities the costs of this project will be covered by Development Charges. Included in the approved 2016 budget is \$4,500,000 for the land acquisition which will come in under budget by approximately \$775,000. A further \$3,000,000 has been budgeted in 2016 for the design and first stage of construction of the new fire station. In 2017 the final \$2,500,000 will be requested.

IMPACT ON THE MASTER FIRE PLAN

The FDMPU outlines the future direction of CYFS and has been discussed and approved by JCC and both Municipal Councils. Building the new fire station to deliver services to the public in a more effective manner is a key component of the FDMPU. The construction of the fifth fire station follows the direction contained within the 2014 FDMPU.

CONTACT

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