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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	83
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RE: PROPOSED NEW MECHANICAL WORKSHOP NO. 1
(ITEM 14, REPORT NO. 54, 1978 July 31)

Following is a report from the Director of Fire Services regarding the proposed mechanical workshop in No. 1 Firehall.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director-Fire Services be adopted.

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1978 November 22

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR-FIRE SERVICES
SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW MECHANICAL WORKSHOP NO.1
(Item 14, Report No. 54, 1978 July 31)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the ad hoc committee which was constituted to review the new mechanical work shop be temporarily suspended pending completion of the Fire Prevention Control Study and Master Plan.

REPORT

Following are the motions that were made by Council on 1978 July 31 in connection with a report regarding a proposed new mechanical workshop for No. 1 Firehall:

"THAT this subject be referred to an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the Mayor and the Liaison Alderman to the Fire Department, Acting Mayor A.H. Emmott, for further consideration and representation to Council."

The Ad Hoc Committee was also requested by Council on this occasion to consider the following points:

- a. Did the request for the construction of a new mechanical workshop originate with the employees who are actually maintaining the Fire Department vehicles and equipment or was it a decision of the Director - Fire Services;
- b. More definite information on the advisability of locating the proposed mechanical workshop in a central location rather than at a distance from the centre of fire operations.

Council has also authorized that a Technical (Working) Committee be established in connection with the development of a Fire Prevention Control Study and Master Plan (Item 5, Report No. 62, 1978 September 11). This Committee subsequently, and in accordance with Council's recommendations, submitted an additional report (Item 8, Report No. 80, 1978 November 14) in which a complete analysis of the work contemplated, including the projection of time frames. Approval was granted by Council to proceed.

As a consequence to the foregoing and in view of a projected completion date of 153 weeks, it appeared most realistic to review the initial recommendations supporting the need for a Mechanical Workshop at No. 1 Fire Hall in 1979. A complete survey of our present working facilities was accordingly made in consultation with the Senior Motor Mechanic. The results are as follows:

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In view of the proposed Fire Hall Study Program, the outcome of which may affect the present location of No. 1 Fire Hall or the services provided from that station, it is proposed that the following minimum improvements be undertaken:

- a) Upgrade the air circulation in the bay presently occupied by the Mechanical Workshop staff;
- b) Evaluate the noise factor in relation to accepted health standards;
- c) Review the present workshop storage facilities to reduce the risk of injury to Operational personnel responding to fire calls.

The foregoing items will, it is expected, be evaluated by the Chief Building Inspector on the completion of which the estimated costs will be submitted for approval to the Administration and inclusion in the 1979 Annual Budget.

The matter of future major overhauls and renovations to the fire units will be governed by our limited facilities. However, and as demonstrated in the past, the Mechanical Workshop staff will undoubtedly exert every effort to provide an efficient and economical service pending the disposal of the Fire Prevention Control Study and Master Plan.


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DIRECTOR-FIRE SERVICES

CC: Chief Building Inspector
Municipal Treasurer

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