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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
1984 February 13

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

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REPORT OF THE FIRE SERVICES COMMITTEE
ON THE FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL PLAN

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Madam/Gentlemen:

Your Committee would recommend as follows:

1. RELOCATING NO. 1 HALL FIREFIGHTING OPERATION

- (a) THAT Council reaffirm the relocation of No. 1 Hall firefighting operations to the site at Canada Way and Banff Avenue.
- (b) THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the negotiation for the acquisition of the site at Canada Way and Banff Avenue.

2. CONSTRUCTION OF A FIREHALL IN THE BIG BEND AREA

- (a) THAT recognizing the fact that the construction of a road linking Edmonds and Byrne Road would still produce an unacceptable response time to the Big Bend area, your Committee would recommend that no change be made to the original recommendation which reads as follows:

THAT the construction of a firehall be considered in the Big Bend area on Byrne Road southwest of Marine Way when the present approximate 1.6 million square feet of building in the Big Bend doubles to about 3.2 million square feet.

(Implementation of this possibly in 10 to 12 years).

Capital Cost	\$1,464,500
Operating Cost	1,481,000

3. PUBLIC EDUCATION OFFICER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

- (a) THAT Council endorse in principle the desirability of a Public Education Officer in the Fire Department, and recognizing the current fiscal restraint, this position not be considered in 1984 but rather reconsidered in 1985.

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Council, on 1983 November 07, referred back to the Fire Services Committee the recommendations respecting relocation of No. 1 Hall firefighting operations to the site at Canada Way and Banff Avenue and the construction of a firehall in the Big Bend area. In addition, Council at an informal budget meeting held on 1983 November 07, referred the question of whether or not the Public Education Officer should be included within the 1984 budget for the Fire Department to the Fire Services Committee. Recommendation 3(a), as noted above, requires no further explanation. However, a brief summary follows with respect to recommendations 1(a) and (b) and 2(a).

SUMMARY

Relocating No. 1 Hall Firefighting Operation

The original recommendation was tabled with the intent of comparing the Motor Vehicle Testing Station site as a possible alternative to the site proposed in the report of the Fire Services Committee located at Canada Way and Banff Avenue.

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The Motor Vehicle Testing Station site has been examined and compared with the Banff/Canada Way site. An additional site in the area has also been examined and compared with the Banff/Canada Way site - this is in a triangle of municipal land bordered by Gilpin Street and the future Moscrop diversion, west of Royal Oak.

By examination of different locational criteria the three alternative sites for the relocation of No. 1 Hall firefighting operation were analyzed. The results of the analysis have shown that neither the Motor Vehicle Testing Station Site nor the site at Gilpin and the Moscrop diversion have any net advantage over the site originally recommended, the site at Canada Way and Banff Avenue.

Construction of Firehall in Big Bend Area

It has been suggested that the construction of a road which would link Edmonds and Byrne Road (the Gilley Alternate) would improve access to the Big Bend area from the Edmonds Firehall, to the extent that the need for a firehall in the Big Bend area would be obviated.

This however is not the case. Even with the construction of the Gilley Alternate (which is not proposed in the Comprehensive Major Road Plan) it is estimated that it would take over 4 minutes to reach the intersection of Byrne Road and Marine Drive, and longer, about 7 minutes, to reach the extremities of the areas scheduled for industrial development in the Big Bend.

Accordingly it is proposed that no change be made to the long range recommendation in the report proposing that a firehall in the Big Bend be considered when there is double the present development there.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman
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