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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 23  
COUNCIL MEETING 1984 03 26

RE: LETTER FROM MR. TONY FABIAN WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE  
1984 MARCH 19 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4e)  
PROPOSED FIREHALL RELOCATION

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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FIRE DEPARTMENT  
1984 MARCH 20

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR-FIRE SERVICES

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 1984 MARCH 19;  
LETTER FROM MR. TONY FABIAN, EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT THE FIREFIGHTING  
OPERATIONS BE TRANSFERRED FROM NO.1 FIREHALL 4867 SPERLING AVENUE TO  
A PROPOSED NEW FIREHALL LOCATED AT BANFF AVENUE AND CANADA WAY.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT a copy of this Report be forwarded to Mr. Tony Fabian,  
5288 Hardwick Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 1P9.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. T. Fabian, in his letter to Council 1984 March 10, expressed concern there is insufficient justification for relocating the firefighting operations from No.1 Firehall at 4867 Sperling Avenue to a proposed new Firehall at Banff Avenue and Canada Way. In stating the foregoing Mr. T. Fabian comments, the present No.1 Firehall is ideally located in terms of response times, egress and access and that the proposal to relocate No.1 Firehall is solely predicated on the need to reduce response time to the Burnaby General Hospital.

REPORT

The Fire Prevention and Control Plan 1982 November, which contains the recommendation to relocate the firefighting activities from the No.1 Firehall to an area adjacent to Royal Oak and Canada Way, is the result of a four year study which utilized the most advanced technology in determining how best the future needs of the citizens of Burnaby could be served in terms of cost effectiveness in fire prevention/suppression.

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At the time the present site of Firehall No.1 was selected at 4867 Sperling Avenue, this technology as with the lack of definitive information on traffic patterns, building density and demographic development was not as readily available. As a consequence many of the decisions relating to fire prevention were by necessity judgemental.

In stating the foregoing, this does not detract from No.1 Firehall which has served the citizens of Burnaby well during the past two decades and will indeed continue to play a prominent role in the Fire Department's development as the Corporation continues to grow.

It must however, and as clearly stated in the Fire Prevention and Control Plan, be accepted, if we are to continue delivering a quality service, immediate action is necessary to earmark a Firehall site which will allow for a reduced time response to the western boundaries of Burnaby.

Mr. Fabian in his correspondence expresses the belief that the only reason for the proposed relocation is to provide protection for Burnaby General Hospital. This is not a correct assumption. In order to clear up this point and any other concerns that Mr. Fabian may have, arrangements have been made for him to informally meet with staff on Thursday afternoon (March 22). He will, in addition to the discussion that will take place at this time, be given a copy of the Fire Prevention & Control Plan that was completed in November, 1982.

Council, in connection with the appearance of Mr. Fabian's letter on the March 19 agenda, asked staff to determine what recommendation was made in 1966 by the previous Municipal Manager with respect to the Site Selection report that was submitted to the Council of that day. The report does not contain a specific recommendation; what it does contain is a list of four alternative sites, site selection criteria and an assessment of the suitability of the alternative sites. The report concluded with a rating of the four sites as follows:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Points</u>
(Made on the basis of an assessment of suitability according to defined criteria)	
1. Freeway & Canada Way	17
2. South Side of Canada Way	15
3. Gilpin-Price	14
4. Municipal Hall Area	13

The first site noted above was subsequently selected and that is where Fire Hall No. 1 is presently located.

A copy of the 1966 Site Selection report is available in the Clerk's Department for anyone wishing to peruse it.



T.G. Mairn  
DIRECTOR-FIRE SERVICES

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cc: Director Administrative & Community Services