
TO: CITY MANAGER**DATE:** 2006 July 04**FROM:** FIRE CHIEF**SUBJECT:** 2006 CAPITAL PROJECTS**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council approval to bring down a Capital Reserve Expenditure Bylaw to finance the Fire Station #1 Comprehensive Space Needs Study and Training Grounds Expansion.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council bring down a Capital Reserve Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$344,500 (inclusive of 6% G.S.T.) to finance the Fire Station #1 Space Needs Study and Training Grounds Expansion project.

REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

In 2002, a Fire Department Future Needs Study was completed for the City by SMG/Columbia Consultants, under the direction of the Finance and Civic Development Committee.

The purpose of the study was to recommend a staged fire station improvement plan for the City. SMG/Columbia Consultants identified in their report that there was a pressing need for additional administration and training space, as well as upgrading of the existing building.

Fire Station #1, since 1970, has increased staffing level from 22 to 39. The increase in staff and emergency crews of the department has placed serious constraints on the available training area remaining, and has crowded the administrative and fire prevention staff into an inadequate area.

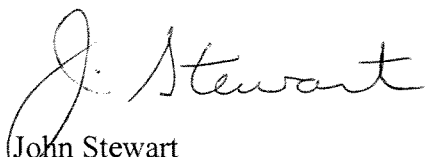
2.0 FINANCING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available for these projects. Currently, the Space Needs Study and the Training Ground Expansion are shown separately within the 2006-2010 Provisional Capital Program. The Fire Department is proposing that these two projects be combined, as they heavily influence each other. This project is being advanced for consideration as part of the 2006 Annual Capital Program.

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3.0 CONCLUSION

Council is requested to bring down a Capital Reserve Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$344,500 (inclusive of 6% G.S.T.) to finance the project in this report.


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