



Meeting 2010 May 03

COUNCIL REPORT

**FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council authorize staff to advance the next steps in the City's Fire Station improvement program, as outlined in this report.

**REPORT**

The Finance and Civic Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2010 April 22, received and adopted the attached report establishing updated priorities and seeking Council's authorization for the City's Fire Station improvement program.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Dan Johnston  
Chair

Councillor Nick Volkow  
Vice Chair

Councillor Colleen Jordan  
Member

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2010 April 19

**FROM:** FIRE CHIEF

**SUBJECT:** FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

**PURPOSE:** To establish updated priorities for the City's Fire Station improvement program.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the Committee request Council approval for staff to advance the next steps in the City's Fire Station improvement program, as outlined in this report.

**REPORT**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

In 2002 May, Council adopted recommendations of the then Civic Development Committee (now entitled the Finance and Civic Development Committee) for a recommended staged fire station improvement program for the City (see Figure 1 *attached*). The overall purpose of the program was to define the number, location and sequencing of new fire stations, and station replacements and renovations to respond to current and future fire service needs for the City.

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee and Council of the current status of the fire station improvement program, and to seek approval for advancement of appropriate next steps.

**2.0 FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The improvement program, previously adopted by Council, was based on a Future Needs Study completed by the SMG / Columbia Consulting Group in 2002 April. Prior to and following Council adoption of the recommended program, substantial progress has been made by the City to address key priorities to improve and meet the City's fire response needs including:

- replacement of Fire Station #3 on Marlborough Avenue in 1995
- replacement of Fire Station #5 on Hastings Street in 2001
- replacement of Fire Station #2 on Edmonds Street in 2004
- completion of the Fire Station #1 space needs and feasibility study in 2009
- construction of a new Fire Station #7 on Gilmore Diversion in 2009

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Of the recommended priorities adopted by Council arising from the 2002 Study, the status of the three areas that remain to be completed are as follows:

- *Finalization Of The Fire Station #1 Space Needs Study*

The space needs study for Fire Station #1 has been completed. Staff expect to be able to report to the Committee on the results of this work and options for recommended next steps at an upcoming meeting of the Committee. At this time, the preliminary results of the study indicate that improvements at this site would likely best be staged over an extended period of time to address key service needs within the context of an overall master plan. In the short term, the focus would be on addressing specific needs on site over the next few years. In terms of the Fire Department's Capital Program for 2010 and 2011, an allocation has been provided for improvements at Fire Station #1, subject to Committee and Council consideration of the results of the current study.

- *Securing Property for a New Fire Station #8 in The Big Bend Area*

Council has previous provided authorization to negotiate for property in the Big Bend area for a Fire Station site. To date, however, these negotiations have not concluded. Staff continue to monitor and seek alternative opportunities for a Fire Station in this area, and would report to Council on any opportunities that may arise to secure an appropriate site. Capital funds for any potential acquisition remain available under the City's Land Assembly program, subject to specific Council authorization.

- *Longer Term Improvement Program Initiatives for Fire Stations #4, #6 and #9 SFU*

At this time, as indicated in the Study, further assessment of requirements and order of priority for future improvements for Fire Station #4 on Duthie, and Fire Station #6 on Brighton, and a new #9 Station at SFU remain to be completed.

As outlined above, the City has made substantial progress on the overall fire station improvement program. In terms of the outstanding work program, staff would propose to report to the Committee on the results of the study for Fire Station #1. At this time, this work is anticipated to result in a recommendation for the completion of a site master plan for Fire Station #1 to guide a phased program of incremental improvements to address priority service needs over a number of years.

With regard to the balance of the Fire Station improvement program, staff would propose that the original Fire Department Future Needs Study be updated to take into account the steps taken to advance the program to date, with a view to establishing medium and longer term priorities for the City with regard to Fire Stations #4, #6, #8 and #9 SFU. With the adoption of the recommendation of this report by Committee and Council, staff would prepare a subsequent report to the Committee to outline general terms of reference and an anticipated schedule for advancement of this component of work.

### 3.0 NEXT STEPS

As outlined in this report, the City has made substantial progress on implementation of the primary recommendations of the 2002 Future Needs Study for Fire Department services. In order to advance consideration of the remaining priorities identified, staff are proposing to:

- advance the results of the Fire Station #1 Space Needs Study to an upcoming meeting of the Committee for consideration and endorsement. Subject to Committee and Council consideration, at that time, it is anticipated that next steps would involve development of an overall master plan for the Fire Station #1. The Fire Department hopes to address their "immediate" space needs at Fire Station No.1 as soon as possible (i.e in the next 1 to 2 years). The full re-development of the site which would include a new station, repair facility, training centre etc. is a longer term objective that would be detail through the Master Plan exercise and considered in relation to other priorities to be examined in the update of the Future Needs Study discussed below.
- update the original Fire Department Future Needs Study to taking into account the components of the program completed to date with a view to establishing medium and longer term priorities for the City with regard to Fire Stations #4, #6, #8 and SFU.
- continue to pursue market opportunities to secure a appropriate and suitable property for the future Fire Station #8 within the Big Bend area, as authorized by Council.

With Committee and Council adoption of the recommendation of this report, staff would proceed to further advance the Fire Station improvement program as outlined above. Specific details of these items would be the subject of further reports to the Committee and Council through the Major Civic Building Project Coordination Committee.

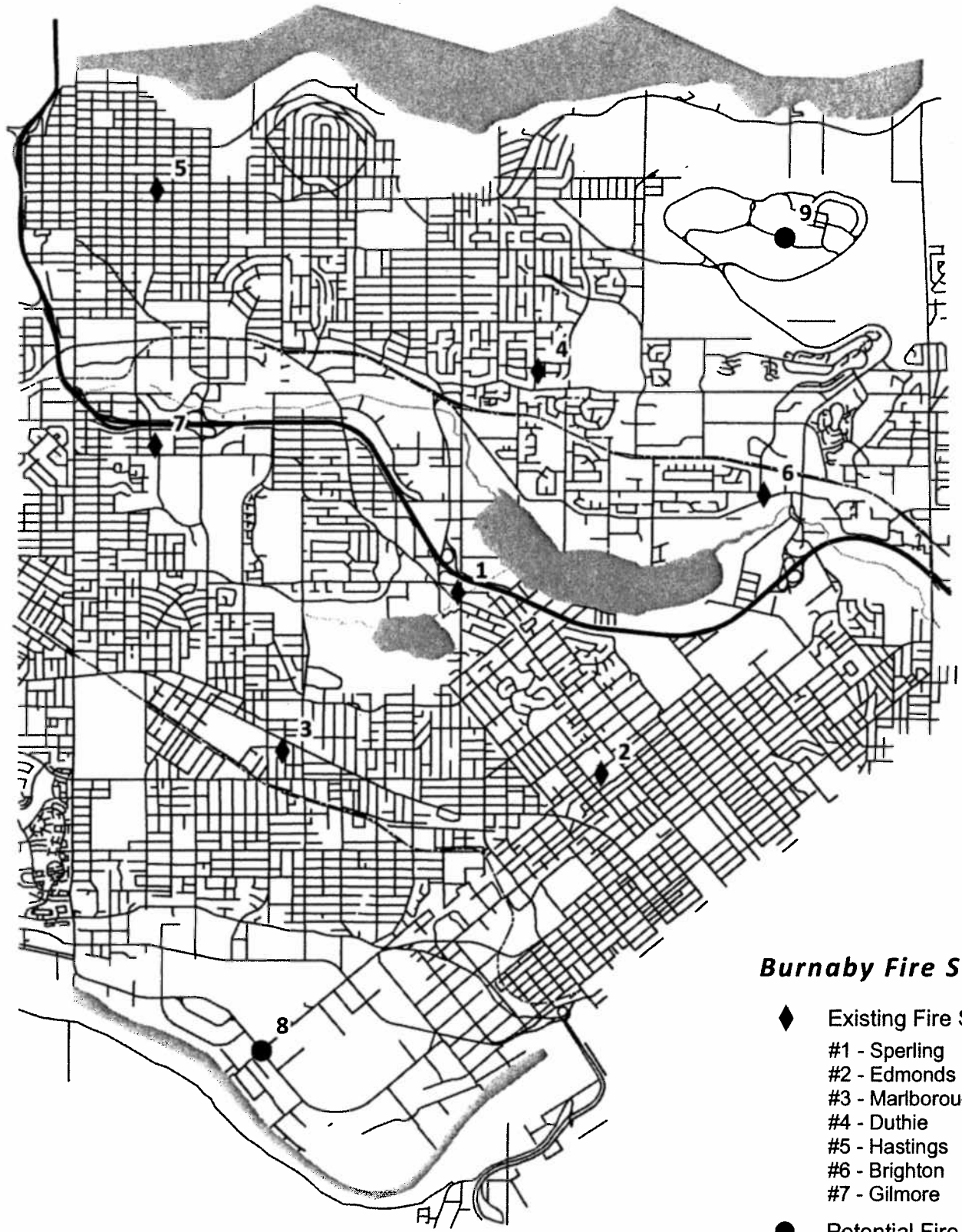


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FIRE CHIEF

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Attachment (1)

cc: City Manager  
Deputy City Manager  
Director Finance  
Director Planning and Building  
Director Engineering

**Figure 1**



**Burnaby Fire Stations**

- ◆ Existing Fire Stations
  - #1 - Sperling
  - #2 - Edmonds
  - #3 - Marlborough
  - #4 - Duthie
  - #5 - Hastings
  - #6 - Brighton
  - #7 - Gilmore
- Potential Fire Stations
  - #8 - Big Bend
  - #9 - SFU

