

**FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: BURNABY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council authorize staff to review the feasibility and cost of relocating the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to Fire Station No. 7, as outlined in this report.

**REPORT**

The Finance and Civic Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2011 January 27, received and adopted the *attached* report seeking approval to develop a plan to determine the feasibility of relocating the temporary EOC to Fire Station No. 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston  
Chair

Councillor N. Volkow  
Vice Chair

Councillor C. Jordan  
Member

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

**DATE:** 2011 January 21

**FROM:** MAJOR CIVIC BUILDING PROJECT  
COORDINATION COMMITTEE

**FILE:** 23000 01  
*Reference: Emergency Operations*

**SUBJECT: BURNABY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)**

**PURPOSE:** To seek approval from the Committee and Council to develop a plan to determine the feasibility of relocating the temporary EOC to Fire Station No. 7.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Staff be authorized to review the feasibility and cost of relocating the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to Fire Station No. 7 as outlined in this report.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Under the Provincial Emergency Program Act, the City is responsible for meeting the requirements of implementing an emergency management plan and maintaining an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

The City's EOC is currently located in the RCMP/Justice building. In the past five years, the EOC has been used for meetings, City and RCMP training, EOC exercises and was activated for the Freshet, Inlet Drive oil spill and the Terasen Gas Leak incidents. It is the City's vision that a purpose-built EOC be included as part of the future Laurel St. Works Yard redevelopment project, which is several years away from being constructed.

**2.0 EOC RELOCATION**

With the commissioning of Fire Station No. 7 in 2009, an opportunity has arisen to relocate the EOC to the new station until the Laurel St. Works Yard project is constructed.

This proposal has several advantages: Fire Station No. 7 is designed to a post disaster standard meaning it is better equipped to withstand significant seismic events should an earthquake occur; the new fire station contains, living quarters and other amenities which could be used in an emergency to support and maintain a 24/7 EOC activation. The move would also free up space in the Justice building for possible use by the RCMP. The proposed reuse of the vacated space by the RCMP would need to be assessed and would be the subject of a separate review and report to the Committee and Council at a future date.

If this proposal is approved in principle, staff recommend that the City retain a consultant to prepare a preliminary relocation plan and determine the associated requirements and costs to accommodate the move.

The plan would include a detail cost estimate, a review of EOC equipment, electrical, data and communication requirements, radio and antenna installations and their locations. It would also review cabling and conduit routes for the required services to avoid conflicts with the in-wall and in-floor radiant mechanical and electrical systems within the building while maintaining the integrity of the building envelope. The estimated cost of the consulting services to develop the relocation plan and associated electrical and communication drawings is in the range of \$25,000. It is proposed that the cost be funded from Operating Contingency.

### 3.0 CONCLUSION

The City is proceeding with a redevelopment plan for the Laurel Street Works Yard, which includes a proposal for a purpose-built permanent EOC.

The relocated EOC will continue to be utilized by Fire and Emergency Management staff for training, EOC exercises, and meetings when the EOC is not in use and serve the interim needs of the City until a purpose-built EOC is constructed at the Laurel Street Works Yard.

In this regard, it is recommended that staff be authorized to review the feasibility and cost of relocating the EOC to Fire Station No. 7. If approved, a future report will be submitted when the review has been completed.

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