



HORNBY ISLAND FIRE HALL PROJECT UPDATE

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Hornby Island Fire Hall Project

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What's Happened Since Referendum...

Thanks again for showing your support in the April Referendum.

Since the referendum, the pre-construction phase has seen some considerable progress in finalizing design details, Site Use and Development permit application, and tender document preparations for the construction phase. Simcic Uhrich Architects and the CVRD have been working through the administrative tasks to get to the tender stage of the project. Listed below is what has happened since August 2015.

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| Aug 2015 | Completion of pre-qualified contractors short list |
| | Development permit application considered by Islands Trust committee meeting on Hornby Island |
| Sept 2015 | Completion of User Group Drawing review. |
| | Drawings Submitted to Code Consultant for Peer Review. Comments were received. |
| | Final design completed and Site Use and Development Permit submitted to Islands Trust. |
| Oct 2015 | CVRD hires Project Coordinator/Liason for Project Communication and Coordination with Hornby Island Community. |
| Nov 2015 | BC Hydro Application For Service. |
| | Occupant License to Cut (OLTC) Application for Site Clearing and Grubbing. |
| Dec 2015 | CVRD received approved OTLC. Contractor began site clearing and grubbing and should be complete by 3rd week of December. |

The site clearing and grubbing was begun prior to the construction phase in order to save money and prepare the site for a visit from all of the pre-qualified construction companies interested in building the Hornby Island Fire Hall. These companies are very experienced in industrial construction.



Future Project Schedule

It is anticipated that 2016 will be the year of building a new fire hall on Hornby Island. The major milestones for the project schedule are listed below.

Dec 2015	Geo-technical analysis of building footprint.
	Final Tender package document development.
January 5, 2016	Tender documents issued to the pre-qualified construction firms.
	Mandatory site visit for prequalified construction firms.
January 26, 2016	Tender period closes.
February 2016	Evaluation of tenders and recommendation for contract award.
	Cost saving exercise if bids come in over budget.
March 2016	Construction of new Hornby Island Fire Hall.

There is much anticipation surrounding the start of construction of the new fire hall.

Once the above milestones are met and a General Contractor has been selected, we will produce an updated newsletter to inform the community of the next construction phases of the fire hall project. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Tor Nawrot at tor@hifd.org or 250-335-2214.

Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation Update

As mentioned during the information stages leading to the referendum, the new fire hall and a second tanker truck means Hornby Island Fire Rescue (HIFR) could apply for Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation. STSA means that residents of Hornby Island will have a **higher level of fire protection service** and most Hornby Island residents and homeowners may see a reduction in their fire insurance premiums.

Where are we in this process?

HIFR is continuing to prove their fire response times with the one tanker in order to ensure that they can meet the requirements of the Fire Underwriters prior to the purchase of the second tanker truck.

In addition, through this proving process, there will be added consideration in what type of tanker truck would be suitable for fire protection on Hornby Island and to meet the requirements. It is anticipated that the order of the second tanker truck will be in early 2016.

For added fire protection, an intake was installed in the pond on CVRD parkland at St John's Point Road by Garth Millan and Giff LaRose. This is or will be a recognized hydrant for the local area.

Water storage tanks are also being budgeted for the intersection of Strachan and Northwind. This will widen our tank distribution, provide better protection for the Strachan area residents and meet the requirements of the Fire Underwriters.