



# HORNBY ISLAND FIRE HALL PROJECT UPDATE

January 2015

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## Concerns Regarding AAP Process

*In response to recent letters and concerns on the AAP that is underway, here are a few points to set the record straight...*

A resident who signs and submits the AAP form to the CVRD means that they DO NOT support the Fire Hall project as presented on November 29, 2014 at the Hornby Island Fire Hall or in the latest Fire Hall Project newsletter dated December 2014.

If you support the current Fire Hall Project, then no response is required.

If the current AAP process regarding the Fire Hall project fails, a referendum is not guaranteed to proceed.

If you signed and submitted an AAP form and have changed your mind and would like it removed from the total count, then please contact James Warren of the CVRD as soon as possible but before January 14, 2015. Contact can be made either by email at [jwarren@comoxvalleyrd.ca](mailto:jwarren@comoxvalleyrd.ca) or by telephone at 250-334-6007.

The referendum was postponed by the area director to provide for additional time for community awareness. Following the postponement of the referendum, the Hornby Island Fire Hall Select Committee recommended the AAP process for two reasons:

- 1) The community will have at least another month for project awareness and another newsletter will be distributed; and
- 2) Keep project costs to a minimum as gathered from the community in the consultation meetings and project open houses. The cost of holding a stand alone referendum in spring of 2015 is approximately \$8000, which is significantly higher than the cost of the AAP process. Also, the two new hospital construction projects in Courtenay and Campbell River are expected to monopolize the labour force and may increase Fire Hall construction labour costs if the project is delayed further.

From the December 2014 Fire Hall Project newsletter, the cost estimate for the construction of the new fire hall is \$1.9 million and would be funded by \$1.6 million in debt financing, \$200,000 in federal gas tax funding (Grant from Community Works funding) and \$100,000 from capital reserves.

Should the project gain elector approval, borrowed funds will be paid back through tax requisition - based on the \$1.6 million estimate, the net increase to the tax levy over 2014, for the average residential property, assessed at approximately \$455,000, would be approximately \$24 per year.

The financial plan includes the purchase of a second tanker truck which means better fire protection and is required to achieve Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation (STSA). Once STSA is achieved, Hornby Islanders may see a reduction in their home insurance premiums between \$300 - \$500.

The information and financial figures presented in the Fire Hall Project newsletters and at the HIRRA meetings are accurate and are available on the website [www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/hornbyislandfirehall](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/hornbyislandfirehall)

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