



HORNBY ISLAND FIRE HALL PROJECT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

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Simcic & Uhrich Architects (SUA) working on Preliminary Design of Fire Hall

You may have been wondering what's new with the Fire Hall Project? Over the last couple months, there has been a great deal of work on the preliminary design of the new fire hall. As you may recall from the last newsletter, Marko Simcic and Bill Uhrich of SUA have personal and professional experience with the Hornby Island community. This experience has meant that SUA has been able to jump right into the project with both feet and progress effectively in the preliminary design stage.

To begin the design process, SUA has been in a series of meetings to gather information and research what has been done so far, specifically the consultant studies and reports of the proposed site. After reviewing this information with their team of consultants, further meetings were held with the Hornby community - specifically with (1) The Fire Hall Select Committee, (2) A group of professional builders and architectural designers from the Hornby Island Community, and (3) The Hornby Island Fire Department Fire Hall Design Committee, which is comprised of the senior members of the fire department.

Indeed, the design discussions with the Fire Department have been vibrant as they review what HIFR needs to do their job now and in the future. To provide some insight into these meetings, SUA's design process is broken down into determining number of required rooms in the building, size of each room and contents, and how each room relates to each other during callouts. Functionality is being stressed in the design process to provide the most effective way for the HIFR to do their job. This process is slated to take approx 5-6 weeks.

As you may remember, the results of our community discussions last summer showed an overwhelming support for the volunteer fire department with targeted comments of "design a new fire hall with what the volunteers need but to keep it economical and with an eye to the future".

Over the next month, the SUA team will prepare a preliminary design based on the data received and then assign cost estimates to this design. In early July (between 7 and 14th), a community open house will be held at the Hall to display this preliminary design to the Hornby Island community and gather feedback and comments.

We look forward to your attendance at this open house. If you have any questions or comments regarding the new fire hall project, please contact Tor via email at tor@hifd.org or by phone at 250-335-2214.

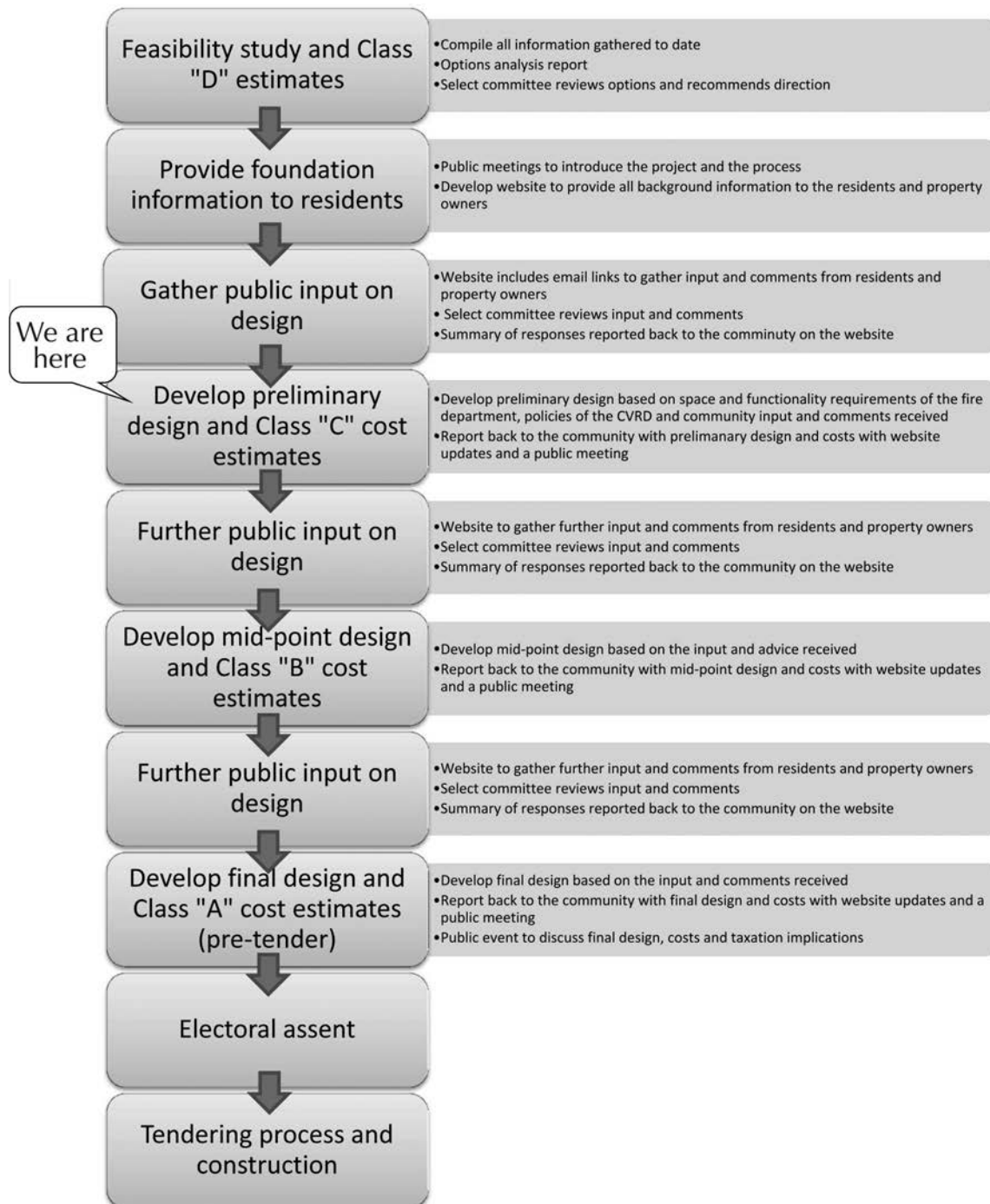
Fire Hall Project Process:

Let's recap where we've been and where we are headed:

- Hornby Island Fire Rescue department identified a need to replace an aged and unsafe fire hall.
- Based on building studies and inspections, members of the Select Committee of Hornby Island recommended to the Comox Valley Regional District board that a new fire hall be built.
- The CVRD board endorsed the recommendation and directed that public consultations begin with the citizens of Hornby Island towards addressing the identified need.
- Community comments and feedback were gathered from several consultation meetings held last summer.
- SUA was selected by the Select Committee as the Architect for the new fire hall project.
- SUA's site survey and research of past reports/studies is complete. SUA are preparing the preliminary design and cost estimates.
- The Hornby Island community will be able to view this design in early July and ask questions and provide feedback and comments. SUA will take this feedback into the next stage of design.
- Please note that once the community has developed a fire hall design and cost estimates are finalized, electoral assent is required prior to construction.

The CVRD's objective in the construction of a new fire hall and site is that the building:

- (a) meets BC Building Code for post disaster structures,
- (b) meets the efficiencies and spacial requirements required by the Hornby Island fire department,
- (c) will be built to LEEDs silver standards, and
- (d) values and substantially reflects the input of the residents of Hornby Island.



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