



HORNBY ISLAND FIRE HALL PROJECT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

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Quick Recap of Events

The Hornby Island community has reached the next stage in the design and development of a new Fire Hall. If you missed our previous newsletter, let us quickly provide you with a recap of what's happened so far:

- 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.
- Currently, we are at the design and development stage. 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.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the BC Building Code requires architectural services for all post-disaster construction, therefore the CVRD published a Request for Proposal for Architectural Services for Hornby Island Fire Hall this past November.

Eleven proposals were received by the December 12th, 2013 deadline and the members of the HIFR Select Committee reviewed each proposal based on the following criteria - their qualification and expertise, their approach and methodology, historical performance of their team, and their project fee.

Simcic & Uhrich Architects Selected as Architect of Hornby Island Fire Hall Project

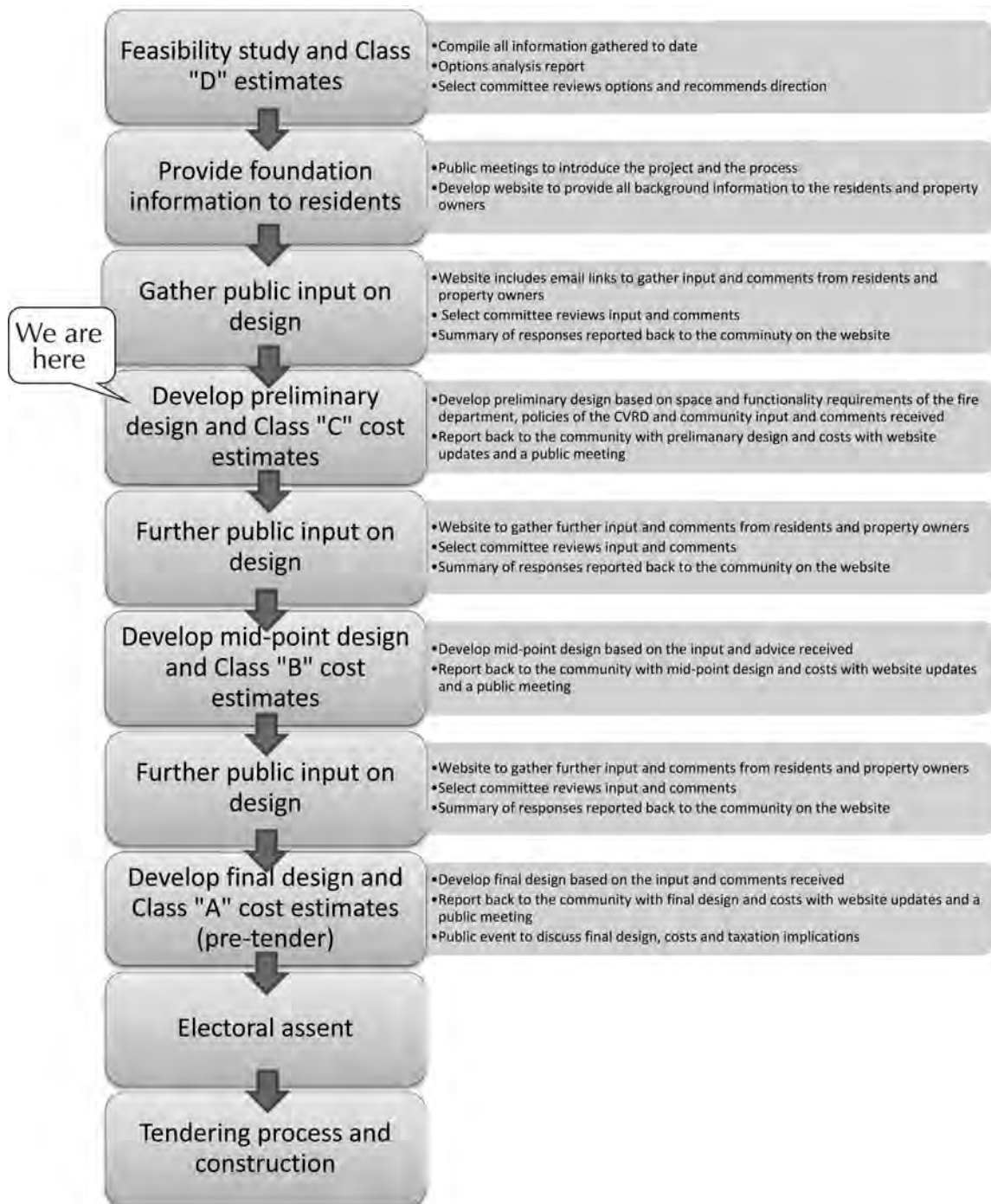
Simcic & Uhrich Architects (SUA) and team have been selected to provide Architectural Services for the Hornby Island Fire Hall Project. As a smaller architectural practice based in Vancouver, SUA ensures exceptional service throughout the project with a hands-on approach by both principals Marko Simcic and Bill Uhrich. The SUA team extends to include staff and sub-consultants with extensive relevant experience.

Indeed, SUA states *"we can find the right balance on the project - the intersection between a very cost conscious approach and an appropriate aesthetic... We have considerable experience on community projects in using a workshop and public open house format to create a clear vision for the design of public buildings that balances community ambitions with cost effective design solutions. Building on the public consultation to date on the proposed fire hall, our public engagement process would ensure that this public building represents the value systems of Hornby Island residents."*

Both Marko Simcic and Bill Uhrich are familiar with Hornby Island. Marko has a cabin on Hornby where he has vacationed, and at times worked, over the past 25 years. Bill has spent many summer vacations on Hornby and, as a student of architecture, worked with Blue Sky Design on the design and construction of the Hornby Island Elder Housing.

Over the next few months, the SUA team will review all the current applicable information and engage in meetings with the fire department's design committee and the community to gather input through three separate stages of design (preliminary, mid-point, and final design and costing). It is expected that the final project design and cost estimates will be presented to the community at sometime around June of this year.

We look forward to your attendance at the next two stages of community meetings and to working with SUA in developing a fire hall based on the needs of the Hornby Island community. If you would like to attend and/or receive information on these meetings, please email your interest to Tor Nawrot at tor@hifd.org or call 250-335-2214.



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