

# HORNBY ISLAND FIRE HALL PROJECT UPDATE

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## New Fire Hall Construction Update

As the winter holidays approach and we prepare a warm welcome for our off island residents and guests, there is good news regarding the construction of our new fire hall.

Currently, the fire hall is about 80% completed with an anticipated delivery date of late January or early February of 2017. Since our last newsletter in October, roofing has been completed, energy efficient windows and entry doors have been installed, drywall has been completed, and the aprons outside the truck bay doors are prepped and ready for concrete. It is really taking shape and very exciting. The rough in of the electrical, mechanical and septic systems are about 70% complete and increasing weekly.

Following completion of construction, the fire department's transition to the new hall is expected to be about 4-6 weeks as the membership builds and installs key storage and workbench items.

CVRD fire services manager and project manager James Bast has stated that the project continues to be on budget with no additional funds anticipated to be required for completion.

The project has been successful with the construction team of SUA Architects, Island West Coast Developments, James Bast and Ian Smith of the CVRD, and the countless hours by Chief Giff LaRose, Rob Zielinski, and the contributions from the whole HIFR volunteer membership.

## Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation Update

As mentioned throughout the design and development process of the new fire hall, Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation has been an integral part of the whole project. As mentioned previously, a second tanker truck means Hornby Island Fire Rescue (HIFR) could apply for Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation. STSA means that residents of Hornby Island could 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?

Through the late summer, the CVRD and the fire department truck committee worked to finalize the design and specifications for the tanker truck. In early September the CVRD issued a request for proposals (RFP) for a new or demonstration model tanker truck specifically to achieve STSA. The RFP closed on September 22nd with Fort Garry Fire Trucks of Winnipeg being the successful supplier of the new tanker truck. The new tanker truck is budgeted for and will cost approximately \$239,000 which will be funded by reserves.

The tanker truck is anticipated to be delivered in September 2017. Following delivery, the fire department will train and prepare for challenging the Fire Underwriters Survey test. This preparation and training is expected to take approximately 6 months with the goal of challenging the test after the training period.

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