Fire Hall Technical Team - Frequently Asked Questions - Sept 21, 2026

Q1 - Where can I get reliable information about the Firehall Project?
A1 - On the District of Metchosin website: https://www.metchosin.ca/

Q2 - Where can I learn about the work being done by the Fire Hall Tech Team?
A2 - Same as above. Click on the link and *scroll down* through chronologically arranged information.

Q3 - Who is on the Tech Team?
A3 - Three retired professional engineers and one experienced fire captain, all of whom are Metchosin residents.

Q4 - How and with whom does the Tech Team work?
A4 - The Team works directly with the District CAO and provides regular progress reports to Council, via the CAO.

Q5 - How is the Tech Team governed?
A5 - In two ways: By a May 25, 2026 Resolution of Council (Res 160-2026) and by a duly executed Consulting Services Agreement.

Q6 - How are Tech Members remunerated?
A6 - They aren't: All team members are volunteers, working on a pro bono basis.

Q7 - Can I review the terms of the Consulting Services Agreement?
A7 - Yes. A copy of the counter-executed Agreement is posted on the District website. Click on the link for the Metchosin Fire Hall Project.

Q8 - Can I access copies of the Tech Team's progress reports?
A8 - Yes. These reports are posted on the District website. Click on the link for the Metchosin Fire Hall Project.

Q9 - What scope of work is being undertaken by the Tech Team?
A9 - The Teams' work scope is described in Schedule A of the Consulting Services Agreement.

Q10 - How much of the Tech Team's work will be based on "benchmarking" survey information that is being gleaned from similar fire hall projects (recently completed or ongoing) elsewhere in our region?
A10. Quite a bit: Detailed information gleaned from comparable regional projects can support: options identification; scope refinement; design optimization; cost comparison and identification of best project management and procurement approaches for our own community.

Q11 - How many communities have been asked to participate in the survey?
A 11 -Ten: Bowen Island, Comox, Cowichan Bay, Cumberland, Dashwood, Hornby Island, Mt. Washington, Saltspring Island, Union Bay & Quadra Island.

Q12 - Is or will the benchmark survey information be made publicly accessible?
A 12 - Yes. Comox was the first community to respond to the survey and the Comox survey response (6 pages) is included as Schedule 2 within Progress Report 2 (Click on the link for the Metchosin Fire Hall Project and scroll down).

Q13 - What next steps will the Tech Team take with the completed surveys?
A13 Tech Team members' intention is to: Upload survey data into a master excel workbook; review floorplans and tender documents, where these have been provided; schedule "verification" site visits, with top 3 communities i.e. those which best inform needs assessment, design optimization potential, procurement and construction approaches for Metchosin.

Thanks for reviewing this (first) Tech Team FAQ document!