

District of Metchosin

Minutes

Firehall Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: (Chair) Mike Hornick, Scott Henning, Brent Donaldson, Johnny Carline, Bruce McCall, Shane Cyr, Councillor Sharie Epp, Councillor Shelly Donaldson.

Regrets: Steve Malkow

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by S. Henning and B. Donaldson

THAT the Agenda of the July 9, 2025, Firehall Steering Committee be approved as amended to include the addition of a new agenda item under Other Business, to discuss the creation of a website to inform the public of Firehall Project particulars.

Carried

2. Presentations

John Ranns, resident, presented the Committee with a Plan B firehall rebuild concept plan authored by John Ranns and Ed Watson.

3. Public Participation

Gary Lamb: Asked three questions. Why are the microphones not on? Why were the subcommittee recommendations submitted to Council before the Firehall committee? What was the rationale for the subcommittee.

Eric White: Expressed concern of Firehall location on visual impact and impression of rural Metchosin image.

4. Adoption of Minutes

B. Donaldson wanted it noted that the intent of his motion regarding addressing the field adjacent to the current firehall and ALR exclusion be “explored” rather than moving forward to remove the land from the ALR.

Moved and Seconded by B Donaldson and S. Henning

THAT the minutes of the May 14, 2025, Firehall Steering Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Mike Hornick and S. Henning

THAT the minutes of the June 4, 2025, Committee of the Whole, Joint Meeting with the Firehall Steering Committee be received.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Lengthy discussion of role and recommendation around JDA option 1a. including:

- Concept of its cost estimate providing a baseline for comparing other potential options.
- Acknowledgment that other options are still on the table and require costing so that Council will have information to inform their deliberations and ultimately present to the public.
- Concerns and commitments around information flow expressed.

Committee clarification was sought from CAO Payette regarding grant funding:

- Type of grant funding (100% or matching grant)
- Potential for grant opportunities in the future
- Ability to modify or accommodate changes to plans once a grant is approved

Discussion about splitting project into components or not and utilizing current location:

- Replace Administration building, retaining bays.
- Replace Administration building, updating bays.
- Replace Administration building, replacing bays.

This discussion generated a motion to explore cost estimates for each.

Moved and Seconded by B. Donaldson and S. Henning

THAT the CAO obtain cost estimates to explore renovation upgrades to the current apparatus bay.

(i.e., see what it would cost to have the engineer/contractor to estimate updates).

The following was also noted:

- JDA is proceeding with a mock-up and class D estimate for option 1a.
- The JDA report on options has been amended on page 13 to reflect correct area size of current Firehall and bays.

7. Reports

a) Chair's Report

Action:

There are 4 Action Items outstanding from Staff. See minutes from March 11, 2025. The Committee requests them for next meeting.

8. Correspondence

a) None

9. Other Business

a) **Creation of a Website or page on District Website**

Moved and Seconded by S. Henning and B. Donaldson

THAT the Committee recommend creation of a page on the District's website dedicated to the firehall project or create a website for the same, for public information.

Carried

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved and Seconded by J. Carline and S. Henning that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Carried

The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.