



**SALT SPRING ISLAND**  
**FIRE RESCUE**  
NEEDS AND FACILITIES ASSESSMENT

## PROJECT UPDATE #1 | November 29, 2019

### November 28, 2019 Meeting Highlights: Fire Rescue Advisory Committee

The Fire Rescue Advisory Committee is made up of Island volunteers working to create community solutions for fire protection and public safety. The Advisory Committee meets regularly, with key highlights shared via Project Updates.

**Terms of Reference:** The Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference are now official, having been approved at an earlier meeting by the Board of Trustees. This included confirming the purpose of the Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) regarding the provision of a new Fire Hall and associated fire protection services that meet all legislative, regulatory and industry standards.

**Guiding Principles:** The Advisory Committee provided their input on the draft Guiding Principles, based on discussions that took place at the October 5 workshop. These guiding principles provide a lens that will help form recommendations to the Board of Trustees. They capture what's really important about the project from the community perspective including: length of building life, partnerships, communications and engagement, resilience to climate change, affordability, suitability and public safety to name a few. Once finalized, the guiding principles will be made public and posted on the project web page.

**Course of Action:** The Advisory Committee tackled the big questions about the Main Fire Hall: Can this site continue to be used as a fire hall? Can it be upgraded or renovated to meet new building code and other regulations? What would it cost? What reports have been commissioned in past and can they be updated to reflect the current status of the hall?

To answer these questions and more, the Advisory Committee made a recommendation to have the Board look at updating previous reports or commissioning new ones to determine the feasibility of using the existing site as a fire hall. This information will help shape the next steps once a decision is made with respect to using the existing building

**Communications:** The District's [website](#) has been updated to create a one-stop resource centre for committee meeting minutes, supporting documents, project updates and information about future opportunities for the community to learn more and provide their input. Visit <https://saltspringfire.com/fire-rescue-advisory-committee/>

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