



New Firehall Project Moving Ahead Smoothly: Contract for Architect and Construction Manager Announced

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Detailed work to initiate the construction of a new firehall on Salt Spring is proceeding smoothly. Since ratepayers on Salt Spring approved borrowing for construction of the new Salt Spring Island Fire and Rescue firehall in July 2022, floor plans have been updated and revised, and procurement and financing arrangements have been extensively explored.

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District is pleased to announce that contracts have been awarded to Johnson Davidson Architecture and MKM Construction for construction management.

Johnson Davidson Architecture is a renowned architecture firm based in British Columbia who have designed firehalls, healthcare and community-focused projects across Western Canada, incorporating innovative and sustainable design components such as post-disaster seismic durability and stormwater management. Johnson Davidson was chosen by the project steering committee, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, after an extensive review of nine bids received. They had the most competitive proposal as well as the most experience with fire hall construction, with over 50 firehalls in their portfolio.

The contract for construction management has been awarded to MKM Construction Ltd. MKM, who had the most competitive of four bids received, will handle the subsequent tendering of local contacts for trades as the construction process gets underway later in 2023. MKM has recent experience with the construction of the Cumberland Fire Hall. This project was under budget and on time in pandemic conditions.

Rodney Dieleman, Chief Administrative officer of SSIFR, noted that “the project, although in its early stages, is presently on time and on budget. Some of the identified challenges facing the project that we are watching closely are possible supply chain shortages, inflation on materials and goods, and increasing financing costs (interest rates). The Project Steering Committee is working closely with the contracted consultants and the Board of Trustees to ensure the project remains on track and on schedule.”

The chosen consultants will be preparing a construction schedule in the coming weeks with construction costing and tendering to be complete in late summer of 2023.

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