



## **New Firehall Will Be Operational May 15, But the Official Celebration is Delayed**

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The Salt Spring Island Fire Improvement District is completing the new firehall on time and on budget, and operations will move to the new hall by May 15 according to Corporate Administrative Officer Rodney Dieleman and Salt Spring Fire Improvement District Board of Trustees.

Due to the complexity of moving fire rescue operations, to allow sufficient time for the inspection process, and to complete the finishing touches in and around the building, the public open house and celebration originally planned for May 24 has been delayed.

Arrangements for the community celebration are continuing, which include First Nations involvement and a celebratory family BBQ. The date for the official celebration will be determined later this summer, once the fire department is set up and operational in the new firehall.

Fire Chief Jamie Holmes noted that “we look forward to welcoming our community to the new firehall once all the finishing touches are done.”

CAO Dieleman added that “like someone who has just had a new house constructed, you wouldn’t host a party for your friends and neighbours the day after you move in. We are taking some time to make sure all the appropriate safety and public access issues are addressed before officially welcoming the community to the new firehall.”

Updates on the project can be viewed at [saltspringfire.com/new-firehall](https://saltspringfire.com/new-firehall)

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