



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Chris Snetsinger
Fire Chief

Meeting Date: January 11, 2021

Subject: Report CAOFS21-001
Fire Station 2 Location Review Update

Purpose

A Report to provide an update on the Fire Station 2 location review.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CAOFS21-001, dated January 11, 2021, of the Fire Chief, as follows:

- a) That this update Report be received for information; and
- b) That staff be directed to include the Sunset – 916 Chemong and Northcrest Arena – 100 Marina sites for the next steps to determine the future site for Fire Station 2.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications as a result of this report.

Background

Through Report CAOFS20-002 Fire Station Location Review Study, dated July 20, 2020, Council approved staff to continue the next step of reviewing three potential sites for the relocation of Fire Station 2.

The Fire Station 2 Location Study report prepared by Dillon Consulting Ltd considered five sites identified as potential options for the new location of Fire Station 2.

The evaluation considered a comparative matrix with the primary focus of evaluation on emergency response times, applicable legislation, industry guidelines and standards. This step in the study was conducted in consideration of the applicable legislation including the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 (F.P.P.A.), the Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990 (O.H.S.A.), industry guidelines as authored by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (O.F.M.E.M.), industry standards as authored by the National Fire Protection Association (N.F.P.A.)

Of the five sites considered, three sites ranked very closely and were recommended for further consideration. Following approval of Report CAOFS20-002, staff have worked on a more detailed review of the three sites identified, which were:

- Sunset - 916 Chemong Road
- Dennistoun - Dennistoun Avenue/Parkhill Road, Inverlea Park
- Northcrest - 100 Marina Boulevard

The Dennistoun/Parkhill site was initially selected for the following reasons:

- i. In the current three station modelling, this site indicates a significant improvement to emergency response capabilities compared to the current Station 2 site;
- ii. In the future four station modelling, this site was the top ranked location for providing emergency response capabilities for the second arriving company and full alarm response which are critical considerations as the City growth and density increases;
- iii. Proximity to a bridge crossing to East City was determined as a considerable benefit; and
- iv. Potential option for boat access onto the Otonabee River was also a highly desirable factor.

The new fire station site requires a 1-acre parcel of land, of the 8.45 acres at the Dennistoun/ Parkhill site, a 1-acre parcel represents an area of less than 12% of this overall site. However, as a result of further inter-departmental review, staff are no longer recommending the Dennistoun/Parkhill site location for consideration due to an historical land trust obligation dating back to 1890 that obligates the City to keep the entire 8.45 acres as public park purposes only. Given this information, staff recommend that this site be removed from the list of site options prior to the next steps which include public and key stakeholder consultation.

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