



Date: January 11, 2013

TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Fire Hall No 5 Temporary Use of Parkland
(Fraserview Golf Course)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approves the use of Fraserview Golf Course Parklands for a temporary City Fire Hall Facility, effective March 2013, for a period of approximately 18 months.

POLICY

The Board grants permission for the use of parkland, subject to conditions established by the Board with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

BACKGROUND

The City of Vancouver's Real Estate and Facilities Management Department requests temporary use of parkland for a temporary fire hall facility, related to the redevelopment of Fire Hall No.5 (Fire Hall No. 5 is located at East 54th Avenue and Kerr Street).

The current fire hall is no longer suitable, as it does not meet current seismic codes. This fire hall is being replaced with a new LEED™ gold standard building and a temporary fire hall facility is required during the 18 month construction period. Construction is to take place from the spring of 2013 through 2014.

Prior to approaching the Parks Board, the City of Vancouver considered private lands, school board lands, and other institutions but no central suitable location could be identified. The Parks Board was then engaged to determine if an appropriate location could yet be found.

A public engagement process solicited feedback on three proposed sites including: two locations in parkland located north of Rosemount Drive and East of Kerr Street, and one location at the North East corner of the Fraserview Golf Course (see appendix A for location options). Public consultation methods included: a public open house, in person meeting with a local care facility, web-based survey and written/verbal feedback. Of

those engaged in the public consultation process, 72% preferred the Fraserview Golf Course location.

DISCUSSION

Park board staff reviewed options with City staff, gave guidance on design, required maintenance and protection of existing trees, and were present at the public open house.

The Fraserview Golf Course location for this facility is the most suitable as the noise from the temporary Fire Hall operation at the site will disturb the least amount of people.

The temporary facility includes a 24'x60'"double-wide" portable building for operations and dormitory purposes and a 20'x50' fabric-covered equipment shelter for housing one fire engine.

The landscape and public impacts are temporary in nature, all existing park trees will be retained and protected, one small boulevard tree will be temporarily relocated and returned, and the grounds will be restored to grass lawns as soon as possible upon removal of the facility.

A diagram of the elements of the temporary facility is attached in Appendix A to this Report, the arrangement of elements is shown as "Option C" on that page.

SUMMARY

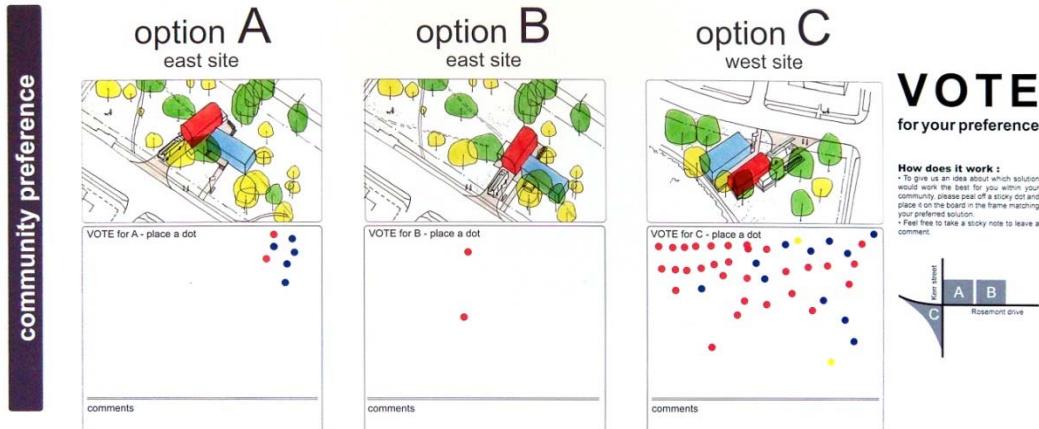
The use of parkland for a temporary fire hall for the redevelopment of Fire Hall No. 5 was vetted by Park Board staff and the public, and is recommended to maintain necessary fire and rescue services during the development of a new LEED™ Gold Fire Hall in the Champlain Heights Neighbourhood. The Fraserview Golf course location for this facility is the most suitable: the noise from Fire Hall operation at the site will disturb people the least as the closest residences will be across Rosemont, the footprint of the firehall at this location is the most compact, and it is supported by a majority of engagement process participants.

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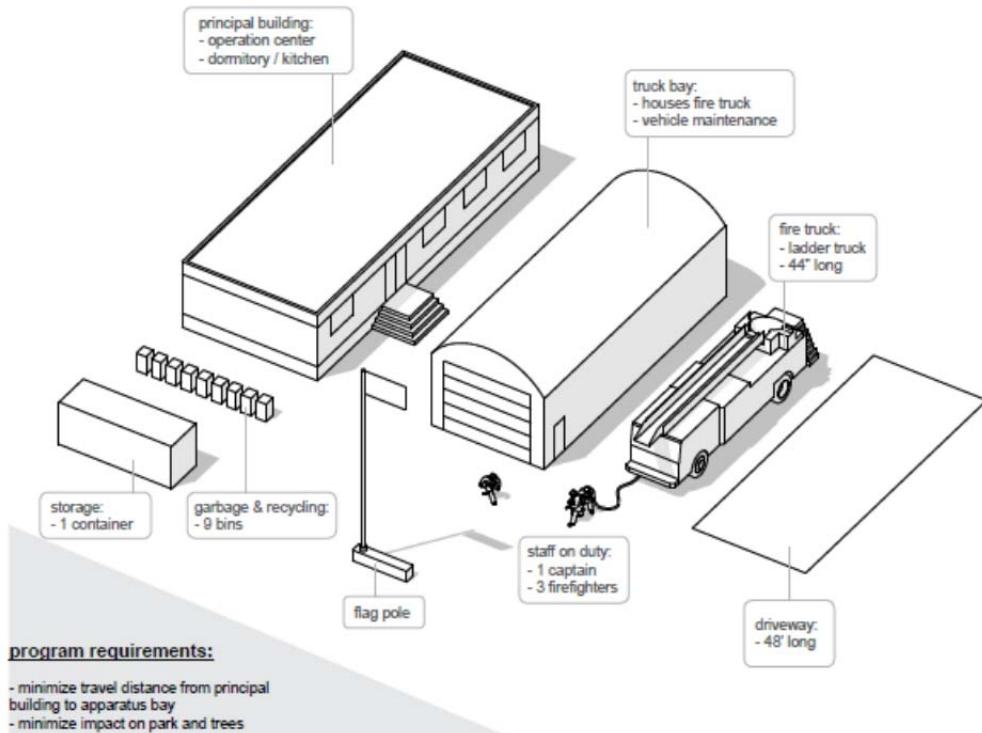
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Public Open House Display – 3 Options for Temporary Facility.



Temporary Facility Diagram



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Proposed Location of Temporary Fire Hall Facility at Fraserview Golf Course

