

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Date: November 7, 2025

Subject: New Firehall Final Report

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

This report confirms the completion of the New Firehall #1 construction project, located at 60 Centennial Drive. The project has achieved its primary objectives as set out in the initial business case and has been completed in compliance with all relevant building codes and regulatory requirements.

Project Details and Objectives

- **Primary Driver:** In 2011 an audit determined that the old firehall building needed a new roof, had a compromised structure and foundation, lacked decontamination facilities, adequate training classroom, apparatus storage space, had a questionable electrical system, lacked energy efficiency, and had minimal equipment storage space. In addition, a building this vintage was likely to contain asbestos and there were no facilities to effectively clean turnout gear. After conducting the inspection, the Consultants recommended that the District seriously consider replacing the firehall.
- **Project Description:** The contract to build a 2 story 8 bay 18,500 square foot new fire hall and demolition of the existing hall was awarded to Southwest Design & Construction Ltd. from Grande Prairie, Alberta, on September 15, 2020. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new building was held on October 14, 2020.
- **Building Occupancy:** The District of Mackenzie received building occupancy on August 29, 2024.

Financial Status

The following budget analysis is provided, comparing the approved budget with the actual final costs.

| BUDGET | |
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| Original Fire Hall Budget | 6,500,000 |
| Additional Budget – Aug 12, 2024 | 27,920 |
| Additional Budget – Aug 26, 2024 | 250,000 |
| Total Overall Budget | \$6,777,920 |
| EXPENSES | |
| 2020 | 1,222,837 |
| 2021 | 3,007,885 |
| 2022 | 1,234,941 |
| 2023 | 349,840 |
| 2024 | 600,687 |
| 2025 | 282,569 |
| Total Overall Expenses | \$6,698,759 |
| Budget Remaining | <u><u>\$79,161</u></u> |

Funding Sources: This project was funded through the following funding sources.

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| 25,000 | Generator Grant – UBCM |
| 1,025 | Surerus Murphy |
| 2,500 | Duz-Cho Logging |
| 15,475 | General Operating for Insurance |
| <u>6,654,759</u> | Northern Capital Grant Reserve |
| \$6,698,759 | |

In kind donations were received from Dunkley Lumber in the amount of \$10,780 and Conifex Lumber in the amount of \$19,969.

- **Note:** All fees and final payments have been made and are finalized.

Compliance and Documentation

- **Approvals and Certifications:** The project has received all necessary inspections and documentation, including:
 - **Letters of Assurance:** Signed by the registered professionals (architects, engineers) involved.
 - **Code Compliance Certificate (CCC):** The final sign-off from the building department confirming the building meets all codes and bylaws.
 - **Occupancy Permit:** Issued and the building is safe for use.
- **As-Built Drawings and Manuals:** All final documentation, warranties, and operating manuals have been submitted to the owner/facilities management.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer