

Summary of Key Advisory Select Committee (ASC) Recommendations to Town of Creston Council

July 5, 2018 -- The following is a summary of the key ASC recommendations to Council regarding their work over the past months:

- Adopt the ASC determination that:
 - A new Fire Hall is needed
 - It should be approximately 14,000 square feet based on a review of technical space requirements, and
 - The amount for borrowing for the project be set at a maximum of \$350 per square foot based on the [Altus Group Construction Cost Guide](#), the Canadian real estate industry's leading guide to development project costing
 - Any decisions or investments in building design or use of construction materials should only be made after the Town has received voter permission to borrow the funds to proceed.
 - And build it at the best possible price.

- Recommend that the Town hold a referendum to seek voter permission to borrow up to a maximum of \$4.5 million, with the town's share being ~\$2.95 Million, the RDCK confirmed share of ~\$1.55 Million and \$1 Million of savings from Town's Reserve Funds, to be used only as needed. Including design, site development, contingency and land.

- Extend the ASC until October 20, 2018 to continue to assist with public information and engagement.

- If the referendum is successful and voter permission is received:
 - Establish a new Fire Hall Building Advisory Select Committee to ensure public input in the design, tendering and construction of a new Fire Hall.
 - Apply for Federal, Provincial and energy related grants, and other cost reduction measures in order to reduce the overall costs to the taxpayer.

For a complete history of the ASC'S review of the project, including their Guiding Principles, please click [here](#).

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