

EMERGENCY SERVICES STATIONS RELOCATION

Highlights

- As Red Deer grows, The City must ensure Emergency Services stations are located appropriately across all parts of the community to meet our emergency response guidelines (High Intensity Residential Fire, or HIRF guidelines), as legislated by the Province.
- Two of the current five stations (stations #3 and #4) will be relocated in 2015 in response to growth in different areas of the city, namely the southeast and northeast.
- A site in the southeast will become the new Station #3. The current Station #3, located at 4340 – 32 Street, will be known as the Emergency Services Headquarters as it will retain Administration, Fire Prevention, and 911 Emergency Communications, but will transfer fire suppression and ambulance services to the new site. Cost: \$7,960,000
- Station #4 will close in Deer Park and a new location will reopen in the northeast as planned to respond to growth in this part of the city. The new northeast location will be named Station #4. Land has been set aside for this purpose. Cost: \$7,016,000
- A sixth station is scheduled to be built in 2025. The site has not yet been determined.

Project Overview

There are currently five Emergency Services stations across the city that house fire suppression and ambulance service. As the city's population continues to grow and its footprint widens – primarily to the northeast and southeast – Emergency Services must reconfigure and expand its locations to respond to that growth.

In 2015, work on the relocation of Emergency Services stations will include:

1. Relocation of stations #3 and #4 in the same year to achieve better pricing and operational effectiveness.
2. Relocation of Station #3 – new site land purchase, servicing of site, building of station; original station redesign and renovations to move 911 Emergency Communications Centre into area left vacant by suppression staff.
3. Relocation of Station #4 – new site land purchase, servicing of site, building construction. Current site in Deer Park will be repurposed.

Budget Requirements and Council Decision Points

Station #3 Relocation – Design and \$201,000 was approved in 2014 by Council; 2015 capital budget includes \$7,960,000 for land purchase, servicing of site, and building construction, plus redesign and renovations of the original Station #3.

Station #4 – Design and \$201,000 was approved in 2014 by Council; 2015 capital budget includes \$7,016,000 budget for land purchase, servicing of site, and building construction.

Funding Sources

This project will be funded through reserves, MSI grants, and tax supported debt.