

Subject: Proposed Site for Anzac Emergency Operation Facility**Administrative Recommendation:**

THAT the submissions made by the public concerning the proposed site for a new Emergency Operation Facility in Anzac, be accepted as information.

Summary:

On April 14, 2015 Council approved removal of the “municipal reserve” designation from a portion of Lot 3MR, Block 10, Plan 792 0314 (Anzac). This was a necessary preliminary step to constructing a new Emergency Operation Facility on that site. Council also directed that a non-statutory public hearing be held on April 28, 2015 to offer residents an opportunity to provide their feedback on the suitability of the subject site.

Background:

The Anzac Fire Hall constructed in 1983 has met growing community needs in the past, but the extent to which the fire hall footprint can be increased for future growth is limited. In 2012 the Municipality conducted a pre-design study of the requirements and siting for a new fire hall in the Hamlet of Anzac. Based on the results of community engagement, and a cost feasibility study, the subject lot was selected for the construction of the proposed Anzac Emergency Operation Facility.

The feasibility study suggests the need to replace the existing facility in order to enhance functionality, match growth and meet service level standards. After consultation with stakeholders it was recommended that the new facility be centrally located in the heart of Anzac since the primary function of the facility is to serve the Hamlet of Anzac and servicing Highway 881, although also important, is less of a priority than fire suppression service for Anzac itself. It was determined that the most suitable of the sites considered is the land located at the northeast corner of Cheecham Drive and Christina Drive.

The cost analysis conducted on the selected sites indicated that this site has the lowest development costs, approximately 50% lower than other sites considered. The Municipality engaged in extensive consultation with Anzac community members and Northland School Division No. 61 prior to the design of the Emergency Operation Facility. The comments and feedback received from the consultations were used in the design and in determining the location of the facility.

Attachment:

1. Subject Area Map