



Subject: New Fire Station 1 Project – Additional Scope

Report to: Thorold City Council

Recommendations

1. That the construction of a firefighter memorial monument **BE APPROVED** as an addition to the Fire Station No. 1 Project scope in the amount of \$92,620.00 excluding HST;
2. That the scope change **BE FUNDED** from a re-allocation from savings from the landscaping portion of the Fire Station project in the amount of \$36,750 and the balance of \$57,500 from the Municipal Land and Building Reserve; and,
3. That the supply and installation of the firefighter memorial monument at price of \$55,620.00 excluding HST **BE AWARDED** to Kirkpatrick Monuments; and
4. That the Mayor and the Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the necessary agreements/contracts.

Key Facts

- The construction of Fire Station #1 is nearing completion, with final testing for occupancy currently underway.
- The new fire station will be the city's first post-disaster building, capable of operating under emergency conditions, and will serve as the city's Emergency Operations Center.
- A proposed memorial to commemorate fallen firefighters should be added to this project to honor those who have given their lives in service to the community.
- Total cost for the memorial and the concrete is \$92,620 plus HST. Funding is as outlined below.
- In anticipation of Council approving the memorial, the concrete pad is being constructed

Budgetary Status

There is a cost of \$55,620.00 excluding HST for the firefighter memorial monument, and \$37,000 excluding HST for the concrete pad, for a total of \$92,620 plus HST. Funding may be provided from a re-allocation from savings from the landscaping portion of the

Fire Station project in the amount of \$36,750, with the balance of \$57,500 from the Municipal Land and Building Reserve.

Analysis

Council approved the construction of Fire Station #1 and hired a contractor for this project as per report PWCS 2022-82 dated August 02, 2022. Construction has been ongoing since the approval date and is now nearing completion. We are currently working on obtaining the building occupancy certificate, and the Fire Department will soon be moving into the new station.

The new fire station will be the city's first post-disaster building capable of operating under emergency conditions. It will serve as the city's Emergency Operations Center and is equipped with high-end AV equipment and a generator for emergency management. All equipment installation is complete, and final testing for occupancy is being conducted.

There is currently no memorial to commemorate the fallen firefighters of Thorold. During construction, the project team assessed the feasibility of adding a memorial to the new fire station. The Fire Chief visited the Niagara Falls Fire Station, reviewed their memorial design, and the consultant prepared a concept design for a Thorold firefighters memorial.

During the construction process, cost savings were realized on the landscaping portion of the project in the amount of \$36,750. These savings are proposed to be used towards the construction of the concrete pad for the memorial which will cost \$37,000 plus HST. In addition, the memorial monument itself will cost \$55,620.00 plus HST.

Staff recommend adding the scope of the firefighter memorial to the project. This addition will show the City's gratitude and respect for the firefighters who have given their lives for the community.

Given the specialized nature of monument supply and installation, and the absence of alternative suppliers in the Niagara region, it is recommended that the contract for the firefighter memorial monument at Fire Station #1 be awarded directly to Kirkpatrick Monuments. Kirkpatrick has demonstrated their expertise and reliability through their successful provision of monuments for the Niagara Falls Fire Station #1. Their proven track record and familiarity with our specific requirements make them the ideal choice for this project. Therefore, staff recommend proceeding with Kirkpatrick Monuments for

the supply and installation of the firefighter monument to ensure a high-quality and fitting tribute.

Impact on the Environment, Climate Change

There are no known environmental or climate change related impacts to this Report.

Alternatives Reviewed

Proceed Without Memorial: One alternative considered was to complete the Fire Station #1 construction as originally planned without including a memorial for fallen firefighters. This would avoid the additional cost of \$92,620.00 for the monument and pad but would miss the opportunity to honor the firefighters who have given their lives in service to the community.

The recommended option is to proceed with the installation of the memorial and concrete pad, use the savings from the landscaping portion of the project towards the construction of the concrete pad for the memorial, and fund the balance of the cost for the memorial and pad in the amount of \$57,500 from the Municipal Land and Building Reserve. This approach leverages existing savings and ensures a fitting tribute is in place at the new Fire Station.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

- Vibrant and Prosperous Community
 - Community Wellbeing

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Kirkpatrick Quote

Appendix 2 – Monument Plan