

Temporary Firehall 5

Public Consultation

November 16, 2012

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Purpose of the public consultation:

To establish the most acceptable location for the community for the temporary Firehall 5.

Site Selection

The boundaries of acceptable locations for the temporary firehall were a 3-4 block zone around the existing firehall, additionally, within that zone the temporary firehall must also have easy access to main streets. The area identified was deemed to be within acceptable response time to all parts of the fire district. As this is a very developed area and no other sites were available two portions of Rosemont Park, and the NE corner of the Fraserview Golf Course perimeter were identified as being acceptable to the Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services.

The sites were surveyed and the project architects developed three acceptable layouts for the temporary firehall to present for public discussion. In all options, no park trees would require removal, and the park would be restored to its original condition.

Communications

Postcards were mailed on October 8 inviting the public to an Open House on Saturday October 20; these included the Project Manager's name, telephone number and email. Boundaries for the notification were E 56th to the north; Butler to the east; Everett Crowley Park and Fraserview Golf Course to the south; and Killarney St to the west.

A project page was uploaded to the City of Vancouver website on October 15
<http://vancouver.ca/your-government/fire-hall-5-initiative---content-13343.aspx>

October 18 - 31 a survey was put up on PlaceSpeak - a website where people could respond with their preferred site. A link was provided on the project web page. This is a geographic-based way of doing a questionnaire, but it does require people to already be registered on PlaceSpeak.

The week prior to the Open House posters and postcards were distributed to the Champlain Community Centre and the Champlain Branch Library.

A week before the Open House signs were posted at each park site announcing the Open House and providing connecting information to the Project Manager.

The Open House occurred on Saturday October 20.

The project web page was updated with the information presented at the Open House on October 24

Kopernik Lodge (seniors' residence) located on Rosemont across from Option B: the Administrator and Board were consulted.

Public Feedback

Open House:

67 adults and many children attended and the overwhelming choice was for Option C on land adjoining Fraserview Golf Course. The main issues in discussions with the public were concern about whether trees would be removed from parks (they will not be) and noise. See the full report in Appendix A.

Correspondence:

10 emails were received:

- 4 selected Option C
- 1 selected option A
- 1 selected Option B
- 1 suggested another location (outside of the area acceptable to VFRS)
- 1 advised the City to select the least costly option
- 1 asked a question
- 1 person thought it should not occur and gave many reasons. (This was the first email received and no details were available to this person prior to the Open House)

1 letter was received and supported Option C.

PlaceSpeak:

4 responses were received:

- 2 selected Option C
- 1 selected Option A
- 1 selected Option B

Phone calls:

Four were received from two people with concerns who also were intending to attend the Open House.

Kopernik Lodge:

The lodge is located across from site B on Rosemont; it is home to 87 seniors requiring various levels of care. The Administrator advised that the Board of Directors had reviewed the request and supported the use of any of the three sites for the temporary firehall; but they did have a preference for Option C on the Fraserview Golf Course perimeter.

Conclusion

Option C is the most acceptable option to the community. The noise from firehall operations at the site will disturb people the least as the closest residences will be across Rosemont. The footprint of the firehall at this location is the most compact.

For VFRS this is also the preferred location as they see fewer opportunities for conflict with the neighbours through noise and lights from their firetrucks, and the compact layout will provide the fastest response time.

This report is intended as a summary of the public consultation undertaken by the project to determine the appropriate site for the temporary Firehall 5.

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FIREHALL R2**

Open House Report

October 20th, 2012

General

On Saturday, October 20, 2012 an Open House was held at Fire Hall No. 5 at 3090 East 54th Avenue from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. The purpose of the open house was to provide the neighborhood residents with an introduction to the project and an opportunity to be part of the site selection process. The open house also provided the neighborhood residents a chance to discuss the project with the project team and provide comments. Project team members in attendance included the following:

- Johnston Davidson Architecture + Planning
 - Kim Johnston
 - John Botelho
 - Ed Craig
- Vancouver Fire and Rescue Service
 - Chief Mark Engler
 - Laura Lintunen
- City of Vancouver - Facility Development
 - Melanie Marchand
- City of Vancouver Park Board
 - Joe McLeod

Also in attendance were fire fighters from Firehall No. 5 who were available for kids tours of the ladder truck parked on the apparatus bay apron and to the general public.

Presentation

The presentation was held in the apparatus bay of Firehall No. 5 and consisted of 10 presentation boards produced by JDa and one introductory board produced by The City of Vancouver. The boards were placed on easels and arranged in a U shape around the perimeter of the apparatus bay. This was done specifically so that the public could move continuously through the presentation. Boards 1, 2 and 9 included public input components in which local residents were asked to provide information such as where they live, how they use the proposed park locations and which option they prefer. Board 10 was a comment board where residents could write comments on sticky notes or write comments directly on the board. As well a questionnaire was prepared and a drop-box was provided.

Location & Display Materials

The number of residents and their selections and comments were tallied during the public open house. The following is a brief synopsis of the attendees and their selections:

- 67 people (including adults and many children) attended the open house
- 41 people identified where they lived – primarily residents immediately north of the east site (Board 1)
- Park Use (Board 2)
 - West site – used consistently throughout the week with increased use on Saturdays
 - East site – park use is consistent throughout the week
- 49 people voted for their preferred option (Board 9)
 - 7 votes for option A
 - 2 votes for option B
 - 42 votes for option C
- 11 ballots were cast for preferred option (Ballot Box/Plastic Fire Hydrant)
 - 1 vote for option A
 - 9 votes for option C
 - 1 ballot with no vote cast



31/10/2012

Public Feedback

The public open house provided an opportunity for the neighborhood residents to offer feedback to the project team. This was achieved by incorporating locations on the boards for comments and by providing comments on the voting ballot which included an area for explaining their selection choice. Attached are the public comments from Board 2 and Board 10 as well as the 11 ballots cast.

Discussion points with the public were mostly related to trees (none are being cut down) and noise. Concerns around noise related to the exhaust system and the 24/7 use of the hall but particularly noise from sirens. Relocation of a bus stop and the undesirability of the location being across the street from a senior's residence were also areas of concern raised. All but one person was satisfied with the reply that "no trees would be cut down", although one person expressed concern that branches also should not be cut since she did not want to see her neighbour's house. Discussions around noise were generally related to reviewing the presentation information and often resulted in the residents selecting Option C.

Conclusion

The public open house was considered well attended by the project team when compared to similar previous open houses. There was very little negative feedback from the public. The following sticky-notes and ballot sheets confirm this observation. Based on choices indicated on Board 9 (community preference), and the ballots submitted, the public are overwhelmingly in favour of Option C the south west site.



01/11/2012

show us where you live?

**show us
where you live**
please put a dot on
your home

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aerial map

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TEMPORARY FIREHALL 1

park use

	I go to the west park:	east	I go to the east park:
Monday			Monday
Tuesday			Tuesday
Wednesday			Wednesday
Thursday			Thursday
Friday			Friday
Saturday			Saturday
Sunday			Sunday

**help us
to get to know you**

How does it work?

- Use blue dot for west and yellow dot for east
- Put the dots on the week schedule according to your walking use
- Fill out notes for how you use the park, jog, walk, dog walk, shortcut, hangout, etc.

WALK THE TRAIL BY WEEK

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TEMPORARY FIREHALL 2



01/11/2012

community preference

option A
east site

VOTE for A - place a dot

comments

option B
east site

VOTE for B - place a dot

comments

option C
west site

VOTE for C - place a dot

comments

VOTE
for your preference

How does it work :

- To give us an idea about which solution would work the best for you within your community please place a red dot and place a blue dot based on the home matching your preferred solution.
- Feel free to take a sticky note to leave a comment!

community preference

comments...
for additional info please contact
www.vancouver.ca

Do not BE SLOW FOR TAG WALK PRICES

I AM NOT AN ANIMAL I'M HUMAN

Will anyone think or x what do help - not a costly !!!

Do not be slow for tag walk prices

Let's be slow to save the amount of the air that's put out

WALK THE
TRAIL 3X
WEEK

Use East
park 2-3x/day
for dogs; use
West park more
per dogs

We cross the
East park from
Rosemont to get
to the town homes

^{vi}
I do
not use
it at all.

Please consider
high noise and air
pollution affecting residences
in option A + B.

I HOPE SOME
PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS
WILL HAPPEN.
PAINT ON X WALKS
DO HELP + NOT
"C" COSTLY!!!

Ever if Crawely
Park entrance
may be a good
alternative
as well,

I look forward to seeing
the design of the ~~new~~ new
firehall

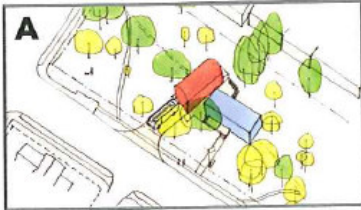
DO NOT BE
SLOW FOR THE
WHOLE PROJECTS.



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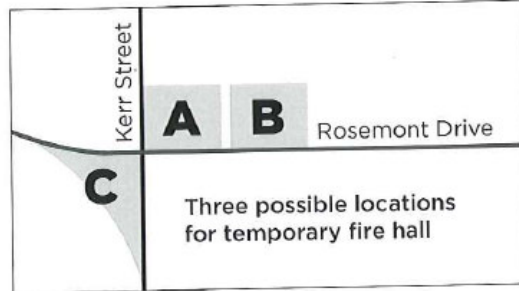
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Transit: no change



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Transit: relocate one bus stop temporarily



Location: Rosemont Drive, west of Kerr Street
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Tell us why this is your choice:

*- more effective area
 - not as much disturbance*

Name of your street and postal code

50th + Kerr

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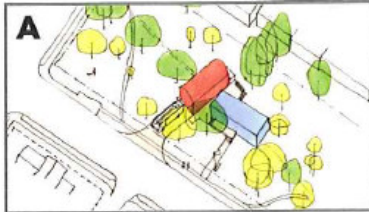
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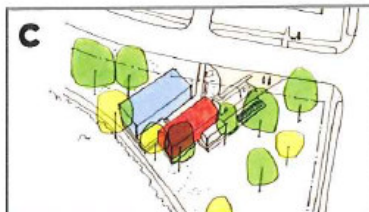
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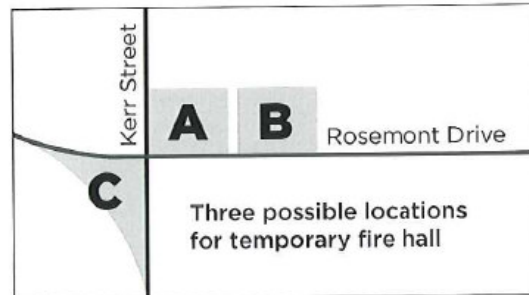
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Location: Rosemont Drive, west of Kerr Street

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Tell us why this is your choice:

① EASIER FOR FIRE TRUCKS
② FEWER HOMES WILL BE IMPACTED BY FIRE CALLS.

Name of your street and postal code

ROSEMONT AT KERR
V5S 3S9

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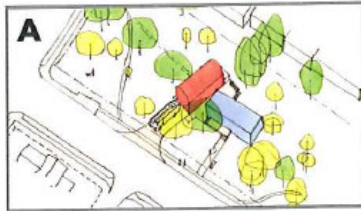
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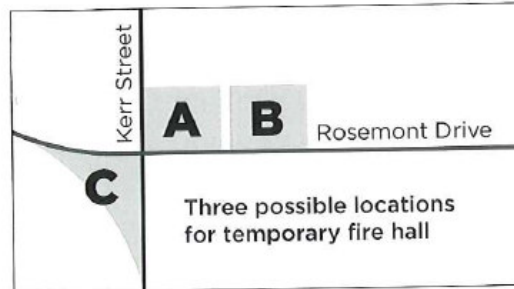
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Tell us why this is your choice:

It appears to be the least disturbing to residents. Both A and B seem to be extremely close to the townhouses in the area but "C" is across the street from any houses.

Name of your street and postal code

58th Ave.

(I don't remember my new postal code - but I'm in one of the townhouses)

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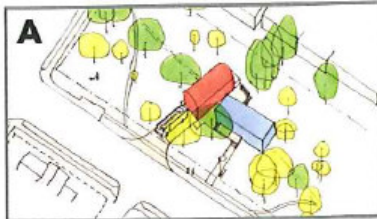
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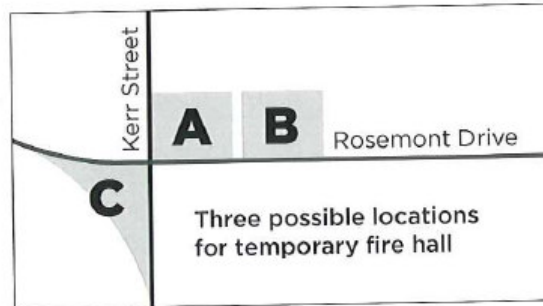
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Tell us why this is your choice:

*LEAST INTERFERENCE
WITH BUS LINE*

Name of your street and postal code

E 59th 155-359

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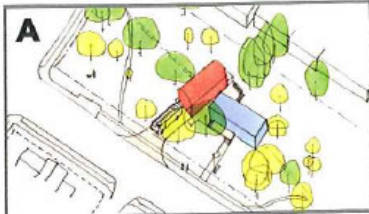
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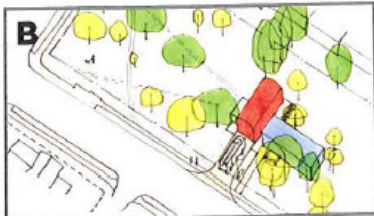
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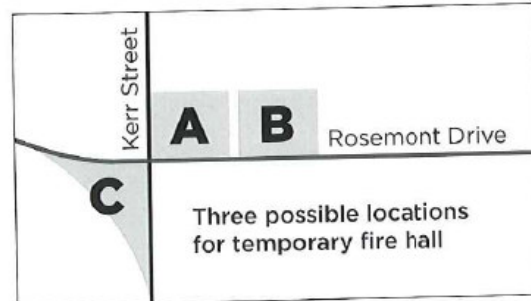
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Tell us why this is your choice:

seems to have the least negative impact on neighbours, no impact on pathways or transit + fastest response time

Name of your street and postal code

V5S 2B2

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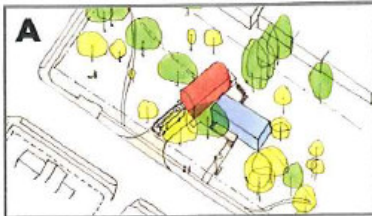
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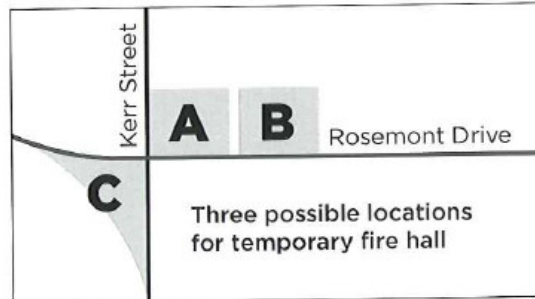
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option A & B have more people here walking. Dog walk.

option A & B is too close to the house on the Kerr St, that not good for fire trucks go in and out.

Name of your street and postal code

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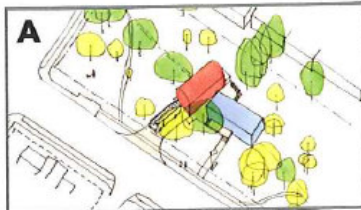
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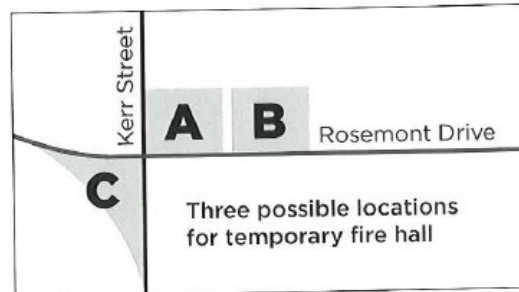
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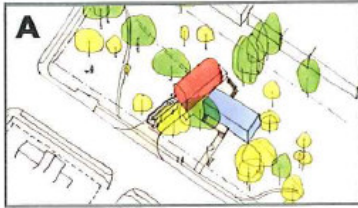
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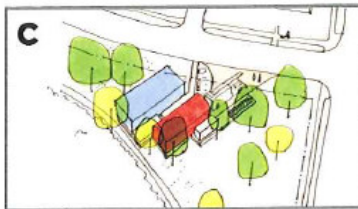
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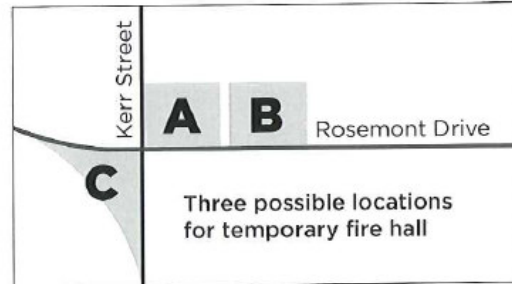
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Although all will mean equal inconvenience for us as a resident, the fire fighters will benefit most from Option C. I value their service, and my safety more than any inconvenience, esp since it will be returned to it's former appearance once the temp location is no longer needed.

Name of your street and postal code

58th + Kerr (Highgate townhouse)
V5S-3S8

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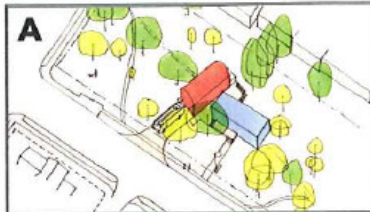
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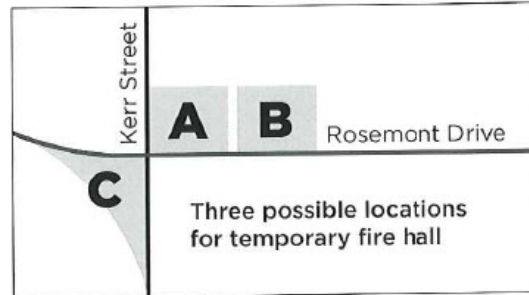
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More centrally located
than others*

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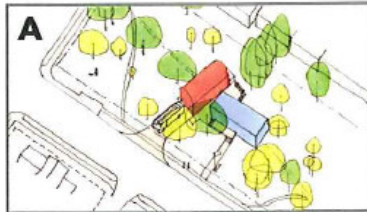
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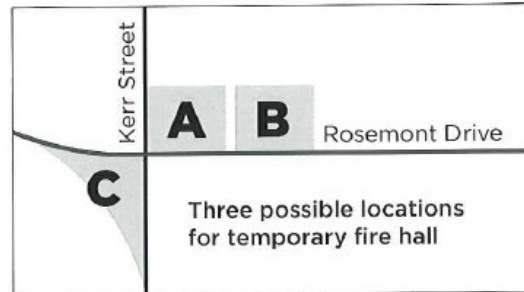
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Less Traffic + Safety

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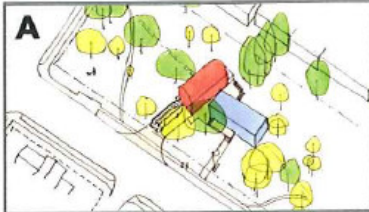
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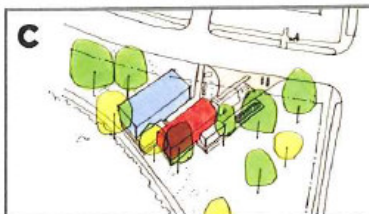
Transit: no change



Location: Rosemont Drive, east of Kerr Street

Neighbours: townhouses behind, Kopernik Lodge (seniors residence) across the street

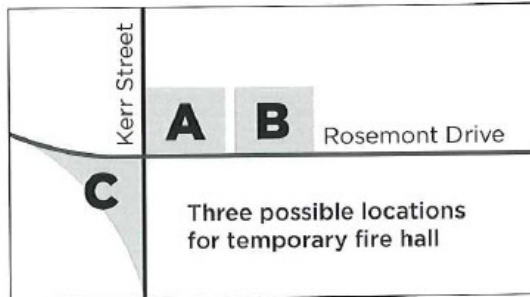
Transit: relocate one bus stop temporarily



Location: Rosemont Drive, west of Kerr Street

Neighbours: golf course behind, two residences across the street

Transit: no change



Tell us why this is your choice:

- largest area, least impact on residence
- golf course is closed at night, during inclement weather

Name of your street and postal code

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If you would like updates on the final decision and project details, please provide us with your email address:

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