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**SUBJECT NANAIMO SEARCH & RESCUE DEVELOPMENT
(191-195 FOURTH STREET)**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with an update on the redevelopment of 191/195 Fourth Street, previously the Harewood Activity Centre and now the operations center for Nanaimo Search and Rescue (NSAR).

BACKGROUND

At the 2019-SEP-16 Regular Council meeting, Council unanimously approved a 25-year co-management agreement with Nanaimo Search and Rescue (NSAR) at 191-195 Fourth Street; and authorized the Mayor and the Corporate Officer to execute the agreement.

NSAR is a non-profit group of volunteers dedicated to provide urban and rural search and rescue services to the public in the Nanaimo area. The organization has seen an increase in call volume in recent years and needs to expand and update their operations centre.

NSAR has secured an anonymous donation of \$1,000,000 for a new or renovated facility for their operations. In addition, NSAR has secured a grant of \$150,000 for capital improvements |

DISCUSSION

The approval of the co-management agreement in September 2019 has allowed City Staff and NSAR to proceed with the development of the facility plan. Although originally anticipated as a shared expense, NSAR has taken the lead on the planning process and have paid for expenses to date, with regular updates to City Staff.

The 2019-SEP-16 report stated that the Facility Plan would be completed by 2021-OCT-01. However, NSAR and Donna Hais have worked to get this project to the point where final development permit requirements are being worked through and an application can be made for the building permit and design stage acceptance (DSA).

Attachments A and B are attached for review. Minor changes may occur as a result of final development permit requirements.

The 2020 – 2024 Project Plan does not include any potential projects relating to this facility. Future project plans will incorporate any required projects for this facility.

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CONCLUSION

City Staff will continue to work with NSAR on the redevelopment of 191-195 Fourth Street. NSAR has agreed to use their own funds for the initial phase(s) of the project and City Staff will incorporate the project into the 2022-2031 Capital Plan for Council consideration and approval during budget deliberations in the Fall of 2021.]

SUMMARY POINTS

- Facility plan/design is almost 100% complete.
- NSAR has paid for design and project costs to date.
- Building permit and design stage acceptance (DSA) will be applied for once final development permit requirements are met.
- The project will be incorporated into the 2022-2031 Capital Plan for Council consideration and approval during budget deliberations in the Fall of 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Nanaimo Search & Rescue Development – Facility Plan
ATTACHMENT B: Nanaimo Search & Rescue Development – Landscape Plan

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