



Memo of Understanding

That Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District ("Fire District") and the Capital Regional District ("CRD") have agreed to establish a joint working group to make recommendations to their respective organizations regarding CRD's request for space in a new public safety building and repurposing the existing Ganges Fire Hall.

New Public Safety Building

The Fire District and the CRD agree to discuss CRD's use of a new public safety building at the Brinkworthy site, including the co-location of the CRD Emergency Operations Centre ("EOC") and related shared space for the CRD Emergency Program.

The design and cost sharing for the EOC and shared space in the new public safety building will be based on the following principles:

- The incremental cost of any new space required for the EOC and CRD Emergency Program will be borne by the CRD, the form of payment to be negotiated.
- The allocation of shared space operating and capital costs will be negotiated.

Ganges Fire Hall

The Fire District and CRD agree to collaborate on retaining the Ganges Fire Hall site as a public asset and repurposing it for community uses based on the following principles:

- The Fire District will grant the CRD an option to purchase or lease the Ganges Fire Hall site at fair market value, the price, and other terms of which are to be negotiated.
- The Ganges Fire Hall site will be re-purposed for community use with a focus on a public food market and related uses.

Public Communication

The Fire District and CRD agree to publicly release this Memorandum of Understanding regarding the intent and general principles governing occupation of the new public safety building and the Ganges Fire Hall site.