

Mt. Washington Fire Service Update November 2018

On June 20, 2018 the Mount Washington Fire Service Steering Group met with staff to provide input and local perspective to the project as it moves forward. Below is an update of the key project aspects.

Fire Services

In December 2017, the CVRD engaged the [Oyster River Fire Rescue \(ORFR\)](#) department to provide fire protection to residents and property owners of Mt. Washington. Since that time, the ORFR department has responded to two incidents within the service area of Mt. Washington.

If you require assistance from the fire department ... call 911

The ORFR continues holding fire practices on Mt. Washington up to three times per month to familiarize the firefighters with the area through the various seasons and conditions. Residents and property owners of Mt. Washington interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter can contact the ORFR department for more information.

The Mt. Washington fire truck was stationed on the mountain through the summer in the event it was needed for a fire. The truck is currently back at the Oyster River fire hall for the winter months, but will be stored on the mountain permanently once the fire services building is constructed.

Over the next weeks the ORFR department will be installing “[Hydrant Snorkels](#)” on key fire hydrants. These snorkels extend the fire hose connection to above the snow level for quicker access by the fire department.



Fire Service Building

Preliminary pre-construction work for the fire service building has begun with the CVRD engaging a local engineering firm as project coordinator. Over the next few months the coordinator will assist with development of the building’s specifications. It is anticipated that in early 2019 these specifications will be used to invite proposals and refined costs from construction firms. Once the refined costs are received, the CVRD will meet with the Steering Group to discuss timing of construction in the context of available funds.

Website

Please visit the project webpage at: comoxvalleyrd.ca/mtwashingtonfireproject which will be updated periodically so please bookmark and check back for updates.

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