

Hanover Police Service Station Review Report

June 2024



Committee Mandate

To conduct a review that explores the current situation for the Hanover Police Service (HPS) Station and provide options to meet the physical needs for HPS for the next 25 years.



Existing Situation

Since the adoption of the 2021 Emergency Services Facility Review Committee Report, HPS has experienced

- Increasing annual calls for service;
- Longer holds of prisoners in on site cells and lack of available cell space;
- Virtual bail court hearing held at HPS station; and
- Projected increase in HPS staff complement



Existing Situation

The following facility deficiencies and space limitations remain

- Lack of essential facility requirements including a sally port, onsite storage for seized property and case files and public washrooms.
- Insufficient space for onsite briefing room, office area for secondary records and staff work stations.



Process

During the review, the Committee:

- Reviewed the 2021 Emergency Services Facility Review Report and determined what has changed since that recommendation.
- Toured the HPS facility and Saugeen Shores police station.
- Updated the HPS Station information and Town growth projections.
- Completed a SWOT Analysis and assessment rating on the 3 identified options.
- Considered preliminary cost estimate projections for the 3 identified options.



Options – SWOT Highlights

A detailed list of the Strengths – Weaknesses – Opportunities – Threats (SWOT) is included in the report.

Scenario A – Existing HPS Site – New Build (additional property)

- HPS could operate during construction.
- Additional property required – cost implications & unknown availability.
- Continuity of service at site that is known to public.

Scenario B – Existing HPS Site – Renovate & Additions(additional property)

- Downtown location & visibility.
 - Constructability (tying in old structure with new structure)
 - HPS operations would dictate construction restrictions.
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Scenario C – New Build 10th Ave (soon to be former) Firehall Site

- More design flexibility & options to be able to build to specifications.
- No purchase of additional land required.
- Loss of public parking.



Recommendation

The Committee concluded the most appropriate scenario / site for Hanover Police Service would be to construct a new building on the site of the soon to be former firehall site.

It is recommended that a new 2 – storey, 12,000 square feet building be constructed on the site of the firehall, which would be demolished and to work with neighbouring properties to improve access to the site.

