



Corporate Report

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FROM: Interim General Manager, FILE: 7850-40
Parks, Recreation and
Culture

SUBJECT: Surrey Museum Project

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this information

BACKGROUND

In August of 2003, Council approved the new Surrey Museum Project. Following this, staff have selected a consulting team through a public process. In September of 2003, the Iredale Group Architecture was retained to do the plans and specifications for the Museum.

DISCUSSION

For the past ten (10) weeks, staff have been working with the consulting team in developing a Concept Plan for the new Surrey Museum.

The proposed new Museum will be located in Cloverdale, east of the 1912 Hall on Highway No. 10. This will create a high profile "civic" precinct. The campus styled Surrey Learning and Discovery Centre destination will include the City Archives in the existing 1912 Municipal Hall, the existing Cloverdale Library and a new building to house the Surrey Museum.

The new Museum is designed to harmonize with the scale and materials of the adjacent 1912 Hall. For example the granite base and existing brick cladding of the Hall will be used on the new Museum building. The distinctive gothic revival proportions of the windows on the 1912 Hall will be repeated in the windows of the Museum (see elevations attached). The building is mainly a two story brick cube with a curved porch that gracefully reaches out and embraces the surrounding park. A system of radial paths will give access to the Museum from all four corners of the compass.

Although the curved porch form adds glamour and a welcoming feel to the building, the basic cube structure will be simple, easy and economical to build, employing a simple concrete and steel structure. The detailed cost estimate is within the current budget approved by Council.

CONCLUSION

The project will be reviewed by the Advisory Design Panel on February 5 and will proceed for the Development Permit approval by Council later in February.

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Attachments