

FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Selkirk Fire Department's Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) met four times in November and December 2015. The mission of the Committee is to evaluate the District's facilities and make recommendations to the Board of Fire Commissioners that will address deficiencies and improve fire protection for the community. The District has three fire stations located in Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem. The work of the Committee is divided into three tasks:

1. Analyze current and future operational and administrative needs across the Fire District, including a review of operations & building studies completed in 2005 and 2010 (available at the Department's Website <http://selkirkfd.org/>), and learning how we can incorporate current recommendations regarding code compliance, training requirements, and health & safety for volunteers and the community.
2. Analyze current building conditions of the three stations.
3. Make recommendations for next steps to the Board of Commissioners.

The Committee:

Members are drawn from the District Board of Commissioners and the all-volunteer Department that serves the Fire District. The Committee is being assisted by Mitchell Associates Architects, a local firm that specializes in public safety architecture. Committee members are:

Commissioners: Bob Burns, Chuck Wickham

Department: Stewart Burnham, Bill Collins, Rob Messenger, Brian Pugsley, Ed Ward

Topics Covered at Our Meetings:

- **Mission:** Define our mission as an advisory body to evaluate and make recommendations.
- **Outreach:** Keep membership and the community informed about the Committee's progress using updates on District & Town websites. We have also contacted neighboring fire districts, our partners in mutual aid, to let them know about the Committee's work. Check our website for future updates (<http://selkirkfd.org/>).
- **Needs Analysis:** The Committee has been reviewing:
 - District-wide needs with a focus on operations, including type and location of apparatus, possible built-in training opportunities, presence of decon/laundry, turnout gear locker spaces.
 - District-wide needs with a focus on administrative functions, including capacity and function of meeting & training space and offices for District and Company functions.

Look for Future Updates: The Committee will be actively meeting through the winter and expects to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners this spring. We'll be sending out updates as our work progresses and welcome input from the public. Go to our website at <http://selkirkfd.org/>

Contact Us: The Committee can be contacted by emailing: fac@selkirkfd.org