

COUNTY COMPLEX
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- June, 2009 Administration presented a short term solution to the critical office space issue that had been identified during a strategic planning session. Council directed that an office/shop utilization study, including assessment of staffing requirements, be conducted.
- June, 2010 Council commissioned Jim Woodward Consulting to undertake an office /shop utilization and staffing requirement study after a request for proposal was put out setting out the criteria for such a review. Mr. Woodward's background was Municipal Administration and it was decided that he would be able to give a reliable, unbiased report on the staffing requirements as well as the space needs for a municipality of our size using similar comparatives.
- September, 2010 The Office / Shop Utilization and Staffing Report prepared by Jim Woodward Consulting was received by Council for information purposes. The report identified that the Administration building no longer served the needs of the County and that there was inadequate space for current and future staffing needs. The Public Works Administrative function was identified as having challenges and a recommendation that centralizing operations at a single site would enhance communication and improve the cohesiveness between the two operations.
- September, 2010 Council directed Administration to request proposals from companies to provide a comparative report on renovating the existing Administration Building or to build a stand-alone building.
- January, 2011 Proposals from architectural firms were received and reviewed.
- February, 2011 Information was presented to Council regarding the proposals and selection of John Murray Architectural Inc. to undertake a structural review of the existing Administration building and the Public Works field operation shop for renovation purposes. The Company was also directed to provide an estimate of a new, stand-alone structure, including review of possible locations for such a new facility.
- May 31st, 2011 Presentation of Report by John Murray Architectural Inc. regarding outcome of investigation regarding structural integrity of existing building regarding renovation and report on new construction. Review analysis of cost estimate for renovation vs. new construction.
- Consideration given regarding unknowns re possibility of asbestos tape; sub-ductwork; length of time to renovate vs. new construction; disruption to services to public and disruption to staff re working environment; cost renovation vs. building new; requirement to purchase more lands to bring Public Work services on same site.
- Consideration of three possible locations for new construction.
- Decision to build new; Decision on location postponed to first meeting in June to allow time for Council members to consult with constituents on proposed locations.
- June 14th, 2011 Decision to authorize negotiation of purchase of lands at chosen location.
- June 28th, 2011 Agreement finalized to purchase lands.
- September, 2011 Decision to proceed to design stage for Administration building and to develop design for Public Works shop.
- October, 2011 Approved design for Administration building and Public Works Shop
- December 13, 2011 Public open house to unveil proposed design for County Complex buildings