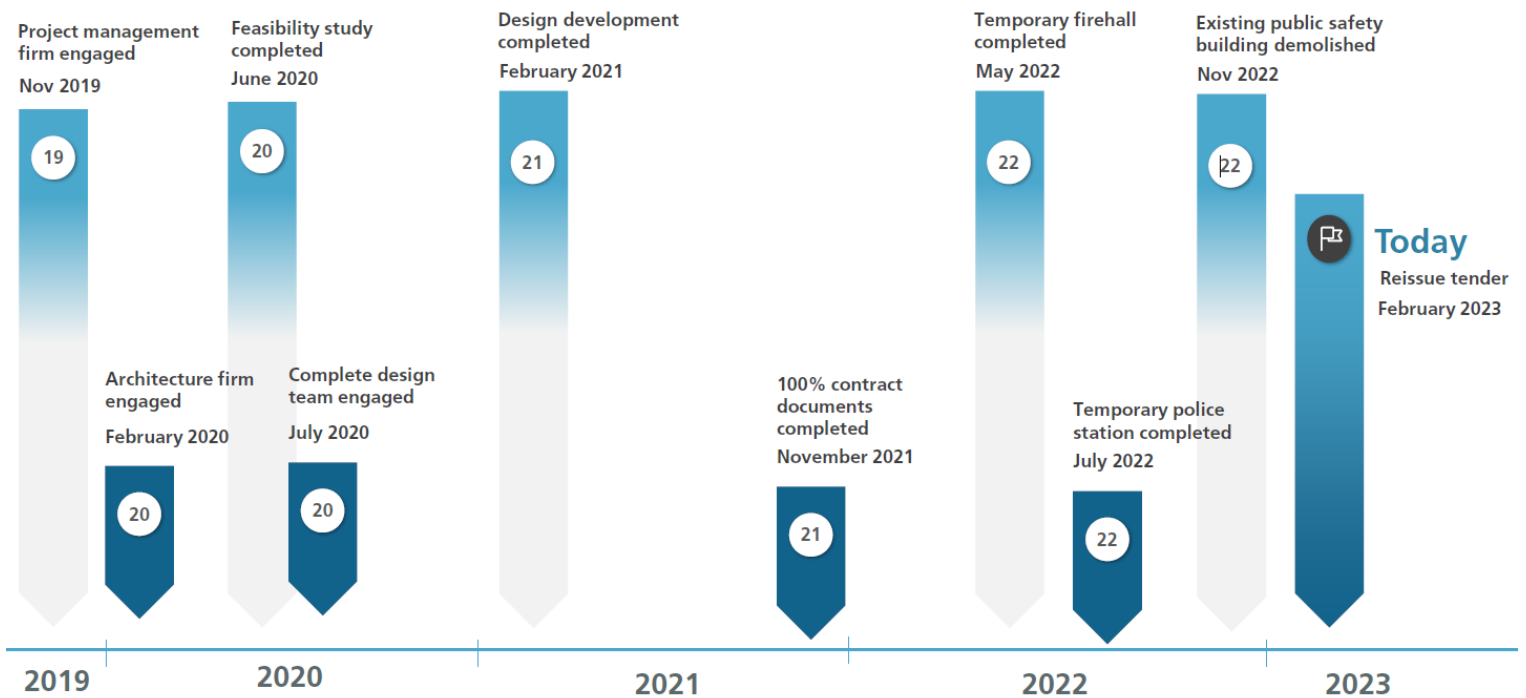


# Esquimalt Public Safety Building Project

## Construction milestones



## 2023 update

A recent public tender process yielded higher than predicted costs to complete the Public Safety Building project.

The township is not awarding this tender at this time and instead is seeking proposals to hire a new construction manager to ensure that the project budget is in line with today's market.

This manager will advise the project team on construction and design efficiencies, cost savings measures, and tender procurement strategies to achieve more favorable tender results.

While this is [an industry-wide issue](#), it is important for the township to ensure that plans reflect the best possible price to construct this project. Re-issuing the tender and receiving quotes based on the current market will give confidence to the budget moving forward.

Upon procurement of a new construction manager and completion of a design review, the project will be re-tendered this spring. Construction will then begin directly following the award of tender.

This change will extend the anticipated completion date of the building to roughly spring, 2025. However, it is important that the project budget reflects today's market so that decisions are made with the best information available.

## Project timeline

- October 2016: The Township of Esquimalt and the Capital Regional District Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Board begin discussions on community amenities associated with locating a wastewater treatment plant at McLoughlin Point in Esquimalt. Negotiations for the MAF included [funding earmarked](#) for improved public safety services, waterfront improvements and recreation services. These categories contained specific terms about how the money could be spent.
- January 2017: McLoughlin Point Wastewater Treatment Plant open house on proposed community amenities.
- Early 2018: Township staff began a fulsome and extended public engagement effort to seek input from residents on what types of projects they would like to see within the parameters of the amenity fund agreement.



*2018's public engagement included going to community events.*

- January 2019: [Council approved selection criteria](#) for the evaluation and scoring of the multiple projects identified during the two rounds of public engagement and [directed staff to apply the selection criteria to the projects.](#)
- March 2019: Council reviewed the list of projects identified during the two round of public engagement and [selected projects for additional work and analysis.](#)
- January 2020: Planning for the public safety building began with a request for proposals for a feasibility study and moved on to hiring architects for design work, site studies, and reviewing plans and selecting a construction manager and builder.
- February 24 2020 council meeting: [report to council to award feasibility design services to HCMA](#)
  - Spring 2020: Construction on the Gorge Park Pavilion began; the project is currently on time and on budget.
  - June 22, 2020 council meeting: [report to council on feasibility study](#) where housing was discussed (not to include in design)
  - July 6 2020 council meeting: [report to council on PSB](#) to award design services and next steps
  - March 1 2021: Council receives a [staff report](#) and [votes to have township staff engage in an AAP](#) to seek approval for the loan bylaw to secure funding for the PSB.
  - March 7 2021: [Article published](#) announcing AAP
  - March 31 2021: [Electronic edition of the Current](#) published, including description of AAP
  - April 1 2021: [First legislative ad published in Victoria News](#), AAP public information package [published to website](#), [news release issued](#) and added to website home page
  - April 9: AAP response period began
  - May 11, 2021: AAP process is completed [and the results certified.](#)
  - July 5, 2021: Public hearing to rezone 500 Park Place.

- September 2021: [Construction of the temporary fire department](#) begins

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