

# Fire Hall #1

41 -11th Ave.S.

1929



This building replaced an earlier fire hall that stood beside the City Hall on the north side. The brick structure has simple lines, and is in good condition. Some interesting details are the cast-iron lamp standards on the front (minus the original globes!)

In the early 1960's, a tall rear tower was reduced to the height of the main building. The tower helped give the structure a stronger focal point, and it is less imposing without it. It was an identity point for years (as many children will remember the “curfew” that rang from it!). A new addition added in 1974 does not fit well at all! The red-painted concrete block is a poor match for the brick, and its roof does not align with the top of the old windows (which are partly covered except for the top white lintels). Flower boxes used to adorn the top front window ledges, and a small greenhouse used to house many types of plants on the south side during the winter months.

However, in 1978, some definite improvements were made to the well-built structure. The old windows were replaced with new ones sensitively put into the original window openings. The brick was also cleaned of all old paint to reveal the original colour and texture.

After all the fire-fighters and equipment were moved to Fire Hall #2 this fire hall was used by Search and Rescue for a short while. This building is now in the process of being studied with the view of restoration and being repurposed.