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**Sent:** Friday, July 4, 2025 3:08 PM  
**To:** CouncilAll; Edward Dong  
**Cc:** Mathew Salter; Bob and Sally Shekou Herbst; Bill & Laura Conrow; Stephanie DiMarco; Comcast email  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ross fire station and fire engine  
**Attachments:** BRW Letter - RE Ross Firehouse - Statement of Initial Assessment.pdf

Dear Mayor McMillan and Town Councilmembers,

I urge you not to sell the fire engine at this time as the resident group is confident of presenting a path forward to rehabilitating the Ross fire station within a feasible budget.

As a commercial developer and construction professional, I am spearheading the Friends of Ross Firehouse predevelopment efforts. We will deliver a supportable civic master plan including the rehabilitated Ross fire station within the town established budget. Selling the fire engine now would be premature, before the ballot initiative determines the will of the residents.

Find attached a letter from BRW Architects reporting on their June 27th firehouse inspection that the foundation and structural components of the building are sound with no evidence of subsidence or settlement, and that there are no structural deficiencies. The foundation and bones of the fire station are strong, and the building is a suitable candidate for rehabilitation and reconstruction. BRW Architects is working on the rehabilitation plans for contractors to price the cost of construction.

The fire engine should remain intact until the residents vote on a supportable plan and budget to rehabilitate the fire station.

Sincerely,  
Ed Dong  
Ross Resident

July 3, 2025

Friends of Ross Firehouse  
7 Laurel Grove Avenue  
Ross, CA 94957

**RE: Assessment of Ross Firehouse at 33 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Ross, CA**

Following our assessment conducted on June 27, 2025, of the above-referenced building, we are pleased to provide the following:

**1. Foundation and Settlement**

No evidence of settlement cracking was observed throughout the structure. Both interior and exterior inspections revealed stable conditions at the foundation level, indicating that the original footings continue to perform.

**2. Wall and Window Conditions**

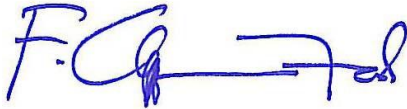
We noted no stress-related cracking in the wall assemblies or around window and door openings. The masonry and framing elements remain intact, with no visible signs of structural fatigue or displacement due to load stress or lateral movement.

**3. Overall Structural Integrity**

The fundamental framework and structural “bones” of the building remain sound. Load-bearing components, including beams, columns, and floor assemblies, show no critical deterioration or deformation. Despite the building’s age, its construction quality and materials have allowed it to retain structural resilience over nearly a century.

Should you have any questions or require further information regarding this initial assessment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Christopher Ford', with a stylized flourish at the end.

F. CHRISTOPHER FORD, AIA, PRINCIPAL