



Township of Wainfleet

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Wainfleet Central Fire Station Breaks Ground

Wainfleet, ON – Just in time for [Emergency Preparedness Week](#), the Township of Wainfleet's new Central Fire Station took its first step toward being realized this morning at a special ground breaking ceremony at the building site on Highway #3, just west of the main intersection at Chambers Corners.

Wainfleet Council has placed a priority on getting the project moving forward after passing a unanimous motion to award the construction tender to TRP Construction General Contractors at a special meeting on April 8th of this year, in anticipation of a prompt start to the build.

The symbolic ground breaking ceremony included Mayor Kevin Gibson, Councillors Donna Cridland, Terry Gilmore, John MacLellan and Sherry Van Vliet, as well as Fire Chief Morgan Alcock and Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Schutten and other members of the Township's project team. Construction of the new facility, designed and led by Raimondo + Associates Architects Inc., and managed by Urban & Environmental Management Inc. is anticipated to start imminently.

While capital investments in critical Township infrastructure such as this provide much needed apparatus storage, training and administrative space; a modernized fire station will also provide many other tangible benefits - as well as some subtle, but meaningful, improvements to the Fire Service in the longer term.

"Every year a firefighter is on our roster, they become increasingly more skilled, not only in firefighting, but fire prevention and their ability to inspire and teach newer generations of firefighters in the years to come," said Chief Alcock. Deputy Chief Shawn Schutten, who directly oversees training and recruitment, agreed, "It's not enough to attract and recruit, we need to train and *retain* these firefighters in the long term if our Fire Service is going to continue to operate at the consistently high levels required under NFPA standards and Council's level of service standards."

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