

# Town of East Gwillimbury and Town of Georgina Joint Fire Services Assessment

## Investigating opportunities for modernizations and efficiencies

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has shone a spotlight on the importance of efficient municipal services that are financially sustainable. Even as municipalities continue to face challenges, there are also opportunities to evolve services and stimulate new ways of doing business to better serve our growing communities.

Residents of Georgina and East Gwillimbury are provided with reliable and quality fire and emergency services. Under the leadership of the department Fire Chiefs and guidance of municipal strategic plans, the towns focus on continuous improvement in service delivery.

Given the fact both municipalities will see significant growth in the coming years, East Gwillimbury and Georgina see opportunities for collaboration that may result in enhanced service for both municipalities. With funding received from the provincial Municipal Modernization Fund, Georgina and East Gwillimbury have partnered to review fire and emergency services.



## Project Overview

The objectives of the project are to determine efficiencies and modernization opportunities under the terms of the Office of the Fire Marshal's Three Lines of Defence:

- Public Fire Safety Education
- Fire Safety Standards and Enforcement
- Emergency Response

The project will encompass:

- A refresh of both municipalities' Fire Master Plans to address current growth projections
- Analysis of the three potential service options:
  - standalone modernized fire services for both municipalities
  - shared services options
  - consolidated composite (full-time and paid-on-call/volunteer) department models
- Implementation strategies for all options

Our goal, as always, is to deliver an efficient, effective and modern fire service for our residents and businesses. Public consultation opportunities will be provided. Check municipal websites for when and how to participate.

To learn more about fire services in each municipality, visit [eastgwillimbury.ca/ECSS](http://eastgwillimbury.ca/ECSS) and [georgina.ca/fire](http://georgina.ca/fire).

