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## Town of Georgina marks official opening of new Pefferlaw Fire Hall

**Georgina, ON** – The Town of Georgina marked the official opening of the new Pefferlaw Fire Hall today. Fire Station 1-8 is a welcome addition to Pefferlaw's downtown that also embraces the heritage of the community by incorporating the former Cooke's United Church.

"Emergency services are important to communities, and we are committed to building a healthy and safe Town to serve all residents," said Mayor Margaret Quirk. "We are immensely proud of our firefighters, full time and volunteer. This new fire station will allow us to improve response times and ensure we are providing a high level of service to our growing community."

At more than 8,000 square feet, the new fire hall includes a number of features:

- Three double-depth apparatus bays that can accommodate vehicles 40 feet in length
- Gear room
- Office space
- Full kitchen
- Fitness room
- Workshop/repair room
- Training/education room that can accommodate 20 people for training purposes

"The new Pefferlaw Fire Hall has approximately 20 firefighters on-call to respond to emergencies as needed," said Fire Chief Ron Jenkins. "This facility is also fully equipped with emergency back-up power and may serve as a potential Emergency Operations Centre in the future."

Council approved the design of the new fire station in December 2017 and awarded the contract to build it in June 2018. A <u>video</u> tour of inside the fire hall is available on the Town's YouTube channel.

For more information, visit <u>georgina.ca/PefferlawFireHall</u>.

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