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Vaughan and York Region to hold bricklaying ceremony for joint Fire and EMS station

Facility expected to be the first-ever LEED-certified City of Vaughan building

NEWMARKET – The City of Vaughan and the Regional Municipality of York will hold a bricklaying ceremony to mark the start of construction of a new emergency response station for Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service and York Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The new building is expected to become the first City of Vaughan building to meet the certification of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver program, a rating system that represents an international effort to improve occupant health and production, environmental friendliness and economic returns of buildings by using an established set of innovative practices, standards and technologies.

WHEN: Monday, May 8th
Bricklaying Ceremony 10 a.m.

WHERE: 9601 Islington Avenue (east side), City of Vaughan
(south of Major Mackenzie Drive)

PARTICIPANTS:

- York Regional Chair and CEO Bill Fisch
- City of Vaughan Mayor Michael Di Biase
- Vaughan Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Chair of the York Region Health and EMS Committee
- City of Vaughan Ward 2 Councillor Tony Carella
- City of Vaughan City Manager Michael DeAngelis

BACKGROUND:

- Station 7-9/EMS will be the fourth co-shared facility between Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service and York Region EMS, and the second one designed to accommodate both emergency services.
- The facility has been designed structurally as a “post disaster” building that will allow operations to continue in the event of an earthquake or other serious disaster. The building systems are supported by an emergency generator that will supply full electrical power for the building and communications equipment.

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