

# Media Release



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## **City of Vaughan and York Region strengthen emergency response partnership with another Fire/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 held a bricklaying ceremony today 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).

“Today marks the official start of construction on a new facility that is designed to meet the needs of our emergency response partners who serve our residents,” said Regional Chair and CEO Bill Fisch. “York Region EMS currently operates out of 19 strategically-located stations across our Region, including 11 stations where we have partnered with our friends within the fire community.”

Known both as the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service Station #7-9 and the Vaughan EMS Paramedic Response Station, the new building 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.

“This team approach to providing emergency services, which offers cost savings and operational efficiencies, is another example of Vaughan Council’s commitment to service excellence,” said City of Vaughan Mayor Michael Di Biase. “We are putting community safety and security first by ensuring the resources are in place to better serve our residents and businesses.”

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.

Station 7-9/EMS offers great benefits to both partners, including an optimum working environment for staff and reduced capital and construction costs. The site is located at 9601 Islington Avenue, on the east side, south of Major Mackenzie Drive, in Vaughan.

“York Region EMS is committed to providing the best in emergency medical care to our residents and visitors,” said City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Chair of the Region’s Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee. “The strategic location and innovative design of this exciting new shared facility place us on the leading edge of service to our community.”

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The 14,000 square foot, one-story masonry and wood-framed building has the capacity to house two full-size fire trucks and up to six ambulances.

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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