



Fire station project team members gather for the official sod turning Sept. 5. They include Talyer Spradbrow, Assistant Project Manager (Colliers Project Leaders Inc.), left; Rebecca Kulik, Project Manager (Colliers Project Leaders Inc.); Elise Bickel, Pembroke Capital Works Engineering Student; Fire Chief Dan Herback; Brian Lewis, Capital Works Supervisor; Deputy Mayor Ron Gervais; Terry Lapierre, Pembroke Chief Administrative Officer; Mayor Michael LeMay; Fire Captain Scott Selle; Paul Ouellette, Site Superintendent for Pomerleau Inc., the design-builder; Mike Tomlin, Site Foreman, H and H Construction; and Gabriel Goulet, Project Manager for Pomerleau Inc., the design-builder. Missing from the photo are LeeAnn McIntyre, Pembroke Treasurer; and Dino Di Sano, architect for the design-builder (COLE+Associates Architects Inc.).

Construction of new fire station officially under way

“These are truly exciting times.”

The words of City of Pembroke Deputy Mayor Ron Gervais echoed among council and staff at the official sod turning ceremony for the new Pembroke Fire Station Sept. 5.

Construction on the modern facility has begun and will be completed by spring 2018.

“Our fire department has been operating out of an inadequate facility for several years,” said Mayor Mike LeMay at the ceremony. “The new hall will provide our city with a state-of-the-art facility that will meet the future needs of our community and will support the training needs of Pembroke’s firefighters.”

In February 2016, Pembroke Council approved the fire hall construction project, recognizing the need for a modern facility that would meet the current and future needs of the department. The current fire hall was built in 1860 and added a large addition in 1963. It would require extensive work and expansion to meet current needs.

“The decision by council to build a new fire hall rather than renovate the old building was the right choice for the City and this department,” said Fire Chief Dan Herback. “We have an excellent staff that serve the City in a proud and professional manner. They have been operating out of a very old and inefficient building for many years.”

The new facility is being built on City-owned property and will be capable of supporting 16 full-time and 20 volunteer firefighters, as well as hosting the City’s Emergency Operations Centre. Its location at the corner of Upper Valley Drive and International Drive was chosen as it provides the same response time as the current station, has enough space to allow for future growth, is in close proximity to major City arteries and is readily accessible to the public.

The project budget is \$5 million, and is fully funded by the City of Pembroke.

“I commend the foresight of Council who recognizes that the appropriate use of ratepayer dollars is to have a new, modern facility constructed that will meet the City’s firefighting needs and enhance our ability to provide mutual aid to our neighbours,” said Deputy Mayor Gervais.

Chief Herback added he and the department are very excited about the new space.

“I have always said that the firefighters serve the City, its residents and visitors, and the building serves the firefighters,” he said. “This building will provide a purposely-designed facility in support of the professional service our firefighters provide our community on a daily basis.”



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