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## Media Release

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### **Tay Township celebrates Grand Opening of Fire Hall 2 (Old Fort)**

**Tay Township ON:** Today, Tay Township held the Grand Opening of Fire Hall 2 (Old Fort). The Honourable Bruce Stanton, MP, Simcoe North; Jill Dunlop on behalf of Patrick Brown, MPP, Simcoe North; Mayor Scott Warnock; Council members; Fire Chief Brian Thomas; volunteer firefighters; and community members attended the event. Council members and firefighters from neighbouring communities also attended.

The \$1.97 million project – identified as a priority in the Township’s 2013 Fire Master Plan – addresses challenges such as limited equipment storage and health and safety concerns.

Fire Hall 2 includes six truck bays to house equipment (pumper truck and tanker/rescue truck) from the original hall as well as a spills response trailer and off-road truck with skid unit that were stored off site. The project also features a 30,000-litre cistern for rural fire fighting water storage. Additionally, the 8,000-square-foot space accommodates storage of the Public Works department’s seasonal equipment.

“In addition to increased storage, the new fire hall will reduce occupational health risks for our firefighters” said Fire Chief Brian Thomas. “It features a designated space to store contaminated personal protective equipment that is separate from eating and training facilities.”

The newly constructed Fire Hall 2 located at 2201 Old Fort Road replaces its neighbouring fire hall (2224 Old Fort Road) – originally constructed in 1975-1976.

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## Fact Sheet: Tay Township Fire Hall 2 (Old Fort)

### Timeline

- 1975 - Original Tay Township Fire Hall 2 construction started
- 1976 - Original Tay Township Fire Hall 2 construction completed
- 2012 - Tay Township Fire Master Plan initiated
- 2013 - Tay Township Fire Master Plan completed and adopted by Council
  - Fire Master Plan recommends replacement of Fire Hall 2 as a priority
- 2014 - Larger parcel of land across the road from original Fire Hall 2 procured
- 2015 - Request for proposal for consultant tendered and awarded
- 2016 - Request for proposal for design/build contractor tendered and awarded
  - Construction started
- 2017 - Project completed

### Investment

Funded by:

Debt	\$1,795,000
Development Charges	97,800
Reserves	72,740
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	<b>\$1,965,540</b>

### Project Scope

- Site works
- Six-bay fire hall with an area for off-season Public Works equipment storage.
- Training space
- 30,000-litre cistern for rural fire fighting water storage

### Project Benefits

- Space for removing contaminated personal protective equipment separate from eating / training area
- Truck bay space for spills response trailer and off-road truck with skid unit previously stored off site
- Water storage cistern for rural fire fighting
- Drive through bays to eliminate the requirement to block Old Fort Road to reverse equipment into truck bays

### Consultant and Contractor

- Steenhof Building Services Group
- Greystone Project Management