



## **SOUND THE ALARM: FIRE STATION NO. 8 UP AND RUNNING IN BURLINGTON**

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**BURLINGTON, ONTARIO** – The Burlington Fire Department will be able to continue to provide high-quality services to a growing population, thanks to a recent completion of a new fire station in the north-east part of the City.

The new facility accommodates 16 full-time firefighters, and includes a drive-through apparatus bay, fitness area, dormitory, locker-rooms and full kitchen. The station is projected to have 41 per cent energy savings compared to similar buildings, and Fire Station No. 8 is the first of the city's fire stations to achieve a Silver level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification in recognition of its environmentally friendly design.

"Our Government is proud to have invested in this project that created local jobs and economic growth, and provided a growing part of Burlington with a much-needed fire station," said Mike Wallace, Member of Parliament for Burlington, on behalf of the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. "This excellent new facility will help firefighters provide emergency services and protect families and residents of our communities."

"Our government is making targeted infrastructure investments to stimulate the economy, strengthen and support our communities," said the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Member of Provincial Parliament for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale. "We are proud to have contributed to this priority project, which created 16 new jobs and will help the City's fire fighters continue to serve our residents and keep them safe."

"Fire Station No. 8 was built with the community and the environment in mind," said Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring. "Not only will the station enhance emergency services delivered to the growing north Burlington community, it was built to operate in an efficient and environmentally sustainable way."

The governments of Canada and Ontario are each contributing one-third of total eligible project costs, up to a maximum of \$750,000 each, toward this project. The City of Burlington contributed the balance of the total project cost of \$2.25 million.

Federal support for this project comes from the Government of Canada's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, which resulted in over 4,100 infrastructure projects across the country.

This project supports Building Together, Ontario's long-term infrastructure plan to repair, rebuild and renew the province's roads and highways, bridges, public transit, schools and postsecondary institutions, hospitals and courthouses. Since 2003, the Government of Ontario has created and supported 600,000 jobs and invested \$62 billion in infrastructure. Through Building Together, Ontario will continue to make significant investments in public infrastructure, starting with an investment of more than \$35 billion over the next three years.

For additional information about investments in infrastructure, visit [infrastructure.gc.ca](http://infrastructure.gc.ca).

For further information about Canada's Economic Action Plan, visit [actionplan.gc.ca](http://actionplan.gc.ca).

To download a short broadcast-quality video highlighting a few of the many successful infrastructure projects across Canada, visit [infrastructure.gc.ca/video/video-eng.html](http://infrastructure.gc.ca/video/video-eng.html).

For more information on how Ontario is revitalizing its infrastructure, visit [ontario.ca/infrastructure](http://ontario.ca/infrastructure).

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