
Flemingdon Fire Hall

Project information and community feedback

September 2026



Background

Toronto Fire Services identified in 2023 the need for a new fire hall in the Flemingdon Park community to support improved response times and serve the area's growing population.

The identified site at 165 Grenoble is City-owned land located between Angela James Arena and St. John XXIII Catholic School. The site currently houses a surface parking lot and four tennis courts. The fire hall will be constructed at this site while maintaining two of the four tennis courts and a smaller amount of parking stalls.

Keeping the Community Informed

The City takes seriously its commitment to keep communities informed and engaged about this vital emergency services project.

Staff from Toronto Fire Services, CreateTO, and the City of Toronto are working collaboratively to provide information related to:

- The urgent need for Toronto Fire Services to provide appropriate response times in Flemingdon Park;
- The excellent safety record of Toronto Fire Services operating vehicles in communities like Flemingdon Park;
- Planned actions to ensure traffic flow and road safety;
- Parks and Recreation process to identify locations for relocated tennis courts and additional local recreation amenities in the community;
- Criteria that informed the site selection.

Project Information

Information Boards shared at Community Engagement events

Introducing an important City of Toronto project in your neighbourhood

A New Fire Hall for Flemingdon Park



The proposed fire hall outlined in green is located on City-owned land and the proposed fire hall is shaded in green.



The new fire hall at 165 Grenoble Drive is an investment in the health, safety and resilience of Flemingdon Park.

As Toronto continues to grow, it is important that our emergency services are able to respond to every community and every need.

A new fire hall will directly improve life-safety outcomes during fires, medical emergencies and other critical incidents.

We're focused on expanding emergency services across the city while minimizing the impact on local communities.



Our commitment to public engagement, and public feedback

We're here to answer your questions



Toronto Fire Services (TFS) is the largest fire service in Canada and the fifth largest fire service in North America. TFS protects Toronto residents from the effects of fire, illness, accidents and all other hazards through preparedness, prevention, public education and emergency response, with an emphasis on quality services, efficiency, effectiveness and safety. In 2025, TFS Operations crews responded to just over 174,000 individual emergency incidents.



CreateTO is an agency of the City of Toronto that provides strategic real estate services to every division, making sure that more than 8,000 City-owned properties are put to their best use for the people of Toronto. We help to identify sites for vital services, the development of affordable housing and the introduction of new public space.



The City of Toronto is delivering the new fire hall at Flemingdon Park through the collaboration of Parks & Recreation, Corporate Real Estate Services, City Planning and the local Councillor's office.

Learn more at: www.createto.ca/flemingdonfirehall

Send questions to: flemingdonfirehall@createto.ca



What it's like to have a Fire Hall in your Community



Toronto Fire Services emergency response crews are deployed from 84 fire stations across Toronto, many of which are located within mixed-use communities like Flemingdon Park.

A new fire station is an important investment in community safety and well-being. It helps improve emergency response times and enhances access to fire prevention and public education programs.

Minimizing Noise: Toronto Fire Services has operating guidelines that define both mandatory and discretionary use of sirens and emergency lights. Toronto Fire Services' staff are encouraged to use discretion where feasible, particularly during overnight and early morning hours when traffic volumes are low.

Maximizing safety: Station exits are designed with clear sightlines so both drivers and pedestrians can see each other and react safely. Crews are highly trained to operate safely in all environments, including school areas and use lights and sirens to alert pedestrians and drivers.

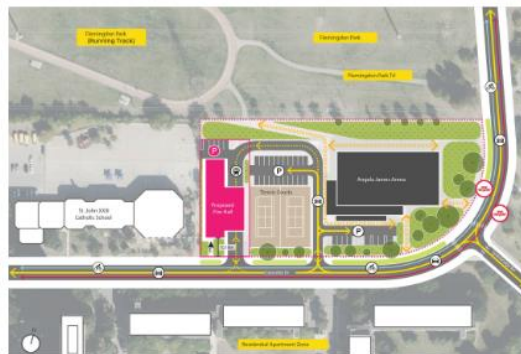
Managing traffic and construction impacts: We're preparing studies to ensure safe circulation for both emergency vehicles and the community and a Construction Management Plan to minimize disruption, ensure regulatory compliance and prioritize public safety.

Connecting with the community: Toronto Fire Services engages with communities across the city through a range of public education, outreach, and recruitment initiatives. This includes delivering fire safety programs in schools, high-rise buildings, and to older adults, as well as participating in community events and outreach activities that promote careers in the fire service. Our operations crews also support these efforts by hosting station visits, providing truck tours, and connecting directly with residents to share important fire safety information and build strong community relationships.



Introducing vital new services while reducing community impact

About the site



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Why response times matter



2024: Is the year Toronto Fire Service identified the need for a fire station in the Flemingdon community.

A new fire hall will support future community growth and ensure fire and emergency services are well positioned to meet the evolving needs of the Flemingdon neighbourhood for years to come.

Call processing time, turnout time, travel time, and total response time are key performance indicators for Toronto Fire Services. These measures reflect how quickly crews move from dispatch to arrival and operational readiness.

Seconds matter, and preserving life is our top priority. The faster crews arrive and begin firefighting, the greater the likelihood of rescuing people and property. Toronto Fire Services is continuously working to improve Total Response Time and Effective Firefighting Force performance – a new fire hall will directly support these efforts.



Balancing expanded emergency services with vital community infrastructure

How we're responding to community need

We know how important your community is to you, and how much people rely on the services and amenities in their neighbourhoods. As the fire hall design proceeds, we're working together to respond to your feedback and ensure Flemingdon has the facilities it needs.



Parking: Some parking will remain on the existing site, and additional free parking for recreation facility users will continue to be available at the Flemingdon Community Centre & Playground Paradise at 150 Grenoble Drive.



Tennis: Two public courts will remain on the site. Parks & Recreation is working with the local Councillor's office to identify opportunities to introduce new recreational courts within the neighbourhood. Current investigations include the lands in and around the Hydro corridor.



Working with the School Board: The City is in active conversations with the Toronto Catholic District School Board to improve shared access to parking and local recreation facilities.



The process of site selection



CreateTO is a City of Toronto agency that provides strategic advice related to 8,000+ publicly owned sites across the city. At the request of City divisions and agencies, we help identify sites that can meet community needs, accommodate service and program requirements, facilitate the development of new affordable housing and make the best use of publicly-owned land.

In response to the Toronto Fire Service identified need, we were asked to locate a site with:

- Appropriate size and geometry
- Access to key road networks and site servicing
- Ability to meet emergency response time targets
- Compatibility with surrounding land uses

Additionally, CreateTO looked for:

- Sites that were owned by the City, as purchasing a piece of land would introduce a major cost to Toronto residents
- Sites that weren't in the Hydro corridor, where fire halls are prohibited
- Sites that minimized the impact on existing community services and programs, and where existing uses could be more easily relocated



Your Questions Answered

1. What are you building at this location?

- The City is building a fire hall that will support improved emergency response in Flemingdon Park.

2. How will this project benefit the community?

The new fire hall will:

- Keep the neighbourhood safe.
- Deliver the same level of emergency response as every other neighbourhood in the city.

3. Why is a new fire hall being planned in Flemingdon Park?

- Toronto Fire Services identified Flemingdon Park as an area in need of additional emergency response services.
- A new fire hall will keep people safe and make sure every part of our city is getting the same level of emergency service.

- Faster response times directly improve lifesaving outcomes during fires, medical emergencies, and other critical incidents.

4. What is the community engagement to date?

- Following site identification, direct outreach to community organizations took place in May 2026
- Community Pop-Up on June 16, 2026, near the Angela James Area
- Public Information Meeting on June 22, 2026, at the Dennis R Timbrell Resource and Community Centre.
- Project staff invited to present information and take questions at a Local Councillor Town Hall on July 14, 2026, at the Dennis R Timbrell Resource and Community Centre.

5. What is happening to the parking?

- Some parking will remain on the site.
- Additional free parking for recreation facility users will continue to be available at the Flemington Community Centre & Playground Paradise at 150 Grenoble Drive.

6. What is happening to the tennis courts?

- Two public tennis courts will remain on the site.
- Parks & Recreation is working with the local Councillor's office to identify locations for new recreational courts within the neighbourhood. Current investigations include the lands in and around the Hydro corridor.
- The City is also in active conversations with the Toronto Catholic District School Board to improve shared access to parking and enhance local recreation facilities.

7. Will the fire hall impact access to Angela James Arena or St. John XXIII Catholic School?

- No. The project team will work closely with both facilities to ensure safe access during and after construction.
- A Construction Management Plan will minimize community disruption and ensure public safety.

8. What stage is the project at?

- The project is in the planning and design phase.
- Community engagement helps inform the fire hall's design.
- Construction is expected to begin in 2027.
- The fire hall should be built by late 2029.

9. Will the fire hall be loud?

- Toronto Fire Services has fire halls in residential neighbourhoods across the city.
- Noise is typically low and intermittent.
- Emergency vehicles use lights and sirens when responding to incidents to move safely through traffic, but are encouraged to use discretion where possible, especially overnight when traffic volumes are low.

10. How long will construction last?

- Construction of the fire station is anticipated to take approximately 18-24 months.

11. Will the fire hall or its construction cause more traffic?

- Fire halls fit into neighbourhoods without causing noticeable increases in traffic or congestion.
- We do not anticipate full road closures, though there may be brief, localized lane restrictions during specific delivery or utility work.
- A traffic study is being conducted to ensure the construction and operation of the fire hall does not impact local mobility.

12. How will access to the arena and parking be maintained during construction?

- Arena access will be maintained throughout construction.
- The construction zone will be kept safe with fencing.

13. Will firefighters engage with the community?

- Yes. Fire stations often serve as community anchors.
- Firefighters regularly participate in school visits, safety education, and community events.

14. How will the fire hall ensure pedestrian safety, especially for children walking to school?

- Station exits are designed with clear sightlines so both drivers and pedestrians can see each other and react safely.
- Crews are highly trained to operate safely in all environments, including school areas, and use lights and sirens to alert pedestrians and drivers.

15. Will there be landscaping, trees, or green space included in the design?

- Yes.

16. Why was 165 Grenoble Drive selected as the location?

- This site was chosen because:
 - It is big enough to accommodate a new hall and fire trucks

- It's close to key roads to support emergency response times
- It's on City-owned land
- Impacted tennis courts and parking could be re-located or accommodated nearby

17. Why aren't there other appropriate sites?

- Fire Halls can't be built in the hydro corridor.
- We need a site that is City owned (so we don't have to buy land with public money).
- We needed a site that has existing servicing and utilities such as water, hydro and sewer.

18. Why are you asking for feedback if the site selection has been already decided?

- Community feedback helps inform fire hall design and operations.
- We want to know what you need and what you're worried about so we can work together to find solutions.

19. How can I stay informed?

- You can reach out to the project team at FlemingdonFireHall@createto.ca
- More information can be found on the CreateTO project page at www.createto.ca/flemingdonfirehall.

Community Feedback

Following site selection and preliminary site plan work, CreateTO, Toronto Fire Services, and the City of Toronto developed a community engagement process focused on:

- Informing community members about the need for a new fire hall, and
- Answering questions and understanding community perspectives related to the site plan and how to mitigate impacts on affected community amenities.

What we Heard

The following topics and perspectives emerged from community questions and comments:

The need for a fire hall and questions regarding the site selection process:

- Focus on why a new fire hall is needed in Flemingdon Park.

- Focus on understanding (a) what criteria informed the site selection (b) why other sites were ruled out, and (c) if there were examples of other fire halls in Toronto located within residential neighbourhoods.
- Concern about the lack of consultation prior to site selection. One person submitted a petition against the fire hall, which included 16 signatures.
- Support for the project and its impact on community safety.
- Willingness to help promote the public engagement process.

Impacts on recreation spaces:

- Concern about the loss of two tennis courts, which are well-used, much loved and create job opportunities for local youth.
- Desire for replacement of the lost courts and the addition of new recreational spaces within the neighbourhood.
- Concern that the removal of two courts was an example of the community being overlooked and taken for granted by government, particularly following the relocation of the Ontario Science Centre.

Traffic

- Concerns about existing neighbourhood traffic and worries that (a) the new fire hall will make traffic congestion worse and (b) fire trucks will not be able to exit the station due to the high volume of traffic on local roads.
- Inquiries about traffic improvement measures that will accompany the development of the fire hall.
- Concern that removal of some parking capacity would impact the nearby hockey arena and contribute to traffic concerns on Grenoble Drive.

Noise and safety

- Concerns about fire truck sirens and policies and procedures designed to limit local noise impacts.
- Concerns about pedestrian safety and questions related to Toronto Fire Services operations in areas with a high concentration of children and residential homes.

Community integration

- Questions related to how Toronto Fire Services will integrate with the community, where some new Canadian residents have a distrust of uniformed officers.
- Recommendation that information, education, and outreach be prioritized in building a strong relationship between Toronto Fire Services and the community.

Construction and design

- Questions related to construction timelines, safety measures, parking and arena access issues and potential local job creation.
- Inquiries about specific design elements.

Engagement Approach

Supported by Third Party Public, an independent engagement and facilitation team, community engagement was focused on the following objectives:

- Inform community members about the plans to build a new fire hall.
- Share the decision-making history and rationale for a new fire hall, including how the facility will address public needs, how the site was selected, and how existing parking and recreation uses will be addressed.
- Create opportunities for community members to ask questions about the new fire hall and feed in their priority concerns and ideas.
- Build and strengthen relationships between the local community, Toronto Fire Services, and the City of Toronto.

Stage One: Focused community outreach (May 2026)

The objectives of the pre-engagement process were to:

- Introduce the project to audiences that would likely have an interest in or be affected by the development of the fire hall;
- Understand the questions and priorities these audiences wanted to see addressed through the broader public engagement;
- Begin developing relationships with key community leaders and audiences; and,
- Seek support promoting the broader public engagement process with their network.

Identified audiences for pre-engagement were:

- Permit holders and other organizations that use the adjacent hockey arena and tennis courts located on site;
- Organizations representing immediate residential communities; and,
- Community-based umbrella organizations that represent or connect to nearby area residents, tenants, and other community groups.

Third Party Public reached out to 12 organizations and spoke with five that responded. Summaries of each conversation was shared with participants to confirm input was accurately captured.

Stage Two: Community engagement (June-July 2026)

The broad public engagement process included a Community Pop-Up and a Public Information Meeting. Information about the fire hall was also shared at a July Town Hall organized by the local councillor's office.

A dedicated [project website](#) was also created with background information about the process, public engagement dates, and contact information for community questions.

Community engagement events were also publicized via social media and through community groups and local media. For example:

- Members of the Leeward Glenway board developed posters, webpages, and ran an email campaign.
- [The Green Line](#) published stories that included details about the community engagement events.

Community Pop-Up

The Community Pop-Up was the first public-facing engagement event and was designed to reach the local community, share information and answer questions about the project. The pop-up took place from 5:30-7:30pm on June 16, 2026, and was held in Flemingdon Park, at the top of a hill behind Angela James Hockey Arena.

At the Community Pop-Up, the project team shared an information sheet and a series of large display boards that participants could review and discuss with project team members. A sign-up list was also available for those interested in receiving updates from CreateTO as the project progresses. The Pop-Up was attended by staff from Toronto Fire Services, CreateTO, City of Toronto Parks & Recreation, City of Toronto City Planning, the local councillor's office, and Third Party Public.

The Community Pop-Up attracted between 40-50 people, including several participants who were passing by and learning about the project for the first time, as well as others who had received the notice or heard about the event via word of mouth.

Public Information Meeting

The Public Information Meeting took place on Monday, June 22, 2026, in the gymnasium of the Dennis R. Timbrell Resource and Community Centre from 6-8 p.m. The meeting was a drop-in event where participants could come and go at any time and speak to project team members.

CreateTO distributed notice of the Public Information Meeting via:

- Mail: to all households and businesses within 200 metres of the proposed site;
- Email: to a preliminary project database of approximately 30 individuals (including those contacted through pre-engagement); and,
- Social media posts.

Staff from Toronto Fire Services, CreateTO, City of Toronto Parks & Recreation, City of Toronto City Planning, the local councillor's, and Third Party Public attended, spoke with community members, and took notes during discussions.

As participants arrived, a project team member handed them a participant guide and invited them to make a name tag and sign up to receive updates. The room was set up with five stations, each of which included one to three display boards staffed by at least one project team member. The stations topics were:

- Project Introduction and Overview;
- Site Selection;
- Engagement Process.

Approximately 30 to 40 community members attended the Public Information Meeting, including several community members who had participated in the Community Pop-Up.

Additional Information Sharing

The local Councilor's office held a Town Hall on July 14, 2026, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Dennis R. Timbrell Resource and Community Centre, focused on topics of interest in the local ward. Staff from Toronto Fire Services, CreateTO and the City's Parks & Recreation department were provided with the opportunity to share information about the fire hall and respond to questions from those in attendance.

Next steps

A Site Plan Application will be submitted for the Fire Hall in late 2026. The City of Toronto will complete detailed design with construction planned to begin in 2027 and completed in 2029.