



**Press release  
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**The new fire station in Stanstead Township:  
a necessary and responsible project**

**Township of Stanstead, July 10, 2020** - Following a suspension of referendum procedures due to the pandemic last March, the municipality has just re-launched the construction project for the new fire station at the regular council meeting on July 6. The borrowing by-law is now submitted to the approval of those eligible to vote from the entire municipality for the next few days.

**Firehall project**

It should be noted that the construction of a new fire hall is necessary since the current one is obsolete and no longer meet the standards of the *Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail*. The Township of Stanstead is one of the 4 municipalities of the Régie Memphrémagog Est to have a fire station which guarantees to the citizens an excellent fire risk coverage. The new 8,000 square foot building will meet the needs of firefighters for the next 40 to 50 years, both in terms of space for various equipment and space for continuing education for firefighters. The estimated construction cost is \$2,409,430 of which \$1,900,000 will have to be financed by borrowing by-law. The project will therefore have a fiscal impact of \$16.32 per year for each \$100,000 of residential assessment.

**Citizen meetings**

The mayor of the Township of Stanstead, Francine Caron Markwell, said: "In December 2019, we proposed to the population a project for a town hall located on two sites. Our citizens' meetings in December and February encouraged us to go ahead, for the time being, with the firehall component only. The municipal council is pleased with the work done with the citizens and is convinced that this project perfectly meets the municipal needs in terms of fire coverage while being fiscally responsible for the citizens of the Township of Stanstead". The Township of Stanstead has the lowest debt ratio in the Memphrémagog RCM, with \$0.05 per \$100 of standardized property wealth (SFR).

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