

Old Bolton Fire Station renovation into a community hub will be completed this year

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With the opening of the new Bolton Fire Station on Highway 50, the Town is seizing the opportunity to turn the Old Bolton Fire Station into something Caledon has lacked for years: a community hub.

Sometime early this year, construction will begin on the renovation of the Old Bolton Fire Station with the completion date set for December 2022; it will also be renamed later this year.

The extensive renovation to the 10,000 square foot fire and paramedic building, will result in the creation of a unique community space in the heart of Bolton, the Town stated, one that fosters entrepreneurship, provides a launchpad for small businesses, creates space for markets and vendors, and breathes new life into the core of our community.

The project will make the building accessible to the public, explore how to make the building environmentally friendly, create a neighbourhood resource centre, accommodate and foster a year-round farmers' market; use part of the building as a pilot project for business startups, shared workspace and makerspace, provide as a central location for events, programs and services, and provide public washrooms.

The Revitalization of the Old Bolton Fire station is an on-going project, currently undergoing schematic design, said a Town representative. Following this phase, the final design will be submitted for necessary permits. After that, demolition of the interior components will take place and construction for the renovated amenities will begin. The tentative timeline is to have construction completed by the end of 2022.

The Town has engaged Ball Construction and BBA Engineering consultants to assist with the design and construction of the project.

Currently, there is a survey about all the possible ways the facility could be used for events and programs. The survey will close on January 30, 2022, said the representative. Once the survey is closed, we will also focus attention on an Expression of Interest for potential partners and services. Consultation also continues with the Downtown Bolton Task Force.

To contribute to the discussion about how the new community hub could be used, visit haveyoursaycaledon.ca/old-bolton-fire-station?tool=survey_tool.