

Proposed Fire Station No. 10

Engagement Summary

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1 Background

The Saskatoon Fire Department is proposing the addition of a new fire station on Hunt Road in Dundonald Park. The addition of a new fire station in the northwest area of the city will enhance emergency response times and public safety in our growing community. Station No. 10 is expected to improve coverage across the west side of the city and result in quicker response times.

With over 25,000 emergency responses reported in 2024, Station No. 1 on Idylwyld Drive and Station No. 2 on Diefenbaker Drive accounted for over half of those incidents. An additional station on the west side of the city would help alleviate the pressures put on Stations 1 and 2.

To ensure that feedback from participants is incorporated into the development process for Fire Station No. 10, the engagement strategy for this project involved sharing information with residents and interested audiences about the proposed project site and details. Participants for this project include residents bordering the proposed site, administration from local schools, Dundonald Community Association, members of the Saskatoon Fire Department and Saskatoon Firefighters Union Local 80 and residents from surrounding neighbourhoods.

1.1 City Project Team

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2 Engagement Activities

In June 2025, targeted meetings, direct communications/emails, a community information session and a feedback survey were held with residents bordering the proposed project site, local schools, the Dundonald Community Association, members of the Saskatoon Fire Department and the general community. An overview of the proposed Fire Station No. 10 location, along with considerations regarding the proposed location and impacts to response times, were shared at these events.

The project engage page (<https://www.saskatoon.ca/engage/fire-station-10>) provides a central location for residents to access resources and engagement opportunities to share feedback on the proposed fire station location on Hunt Road. The engage page specifically provided engagement timelines, details on the project and engagement activities, a link to the online survey and project team contact methods. The engage page remains active for the duration of the project engagement process.

2.1 Meetings and Interest Groups

The project team invited participation through meetings with administration from local schools, the Dundonald Community Association and residents bordering the proposed project site to gather feedback and local experience.

Overall, participants who attended these meetings supported putting a fire station in the northwest region of Saskatoon. When discussing the proposed location in Dundonald Park along Hunt Road, participants had mixed responses.

Participation (n=):

- Local Schools – n=2
- Dundonald Community Association Board Members – n=3
- Homeowners and Residents Bordering the Proposed Site – n=1 online; n=12 in-person

Key themes and discussion topics included the following:

- Themes reflecting support or a positive view for the location included:
 - Enhanced emergency response time in the neighbourhood
 - 24-hour crews onsite and increased uniformed presence
 - Opportunities for connections between classrooms and the Fire Station
- Themes reflecting concerns or a negative view for the location included:
 - **Noise:** Several meeting participants identified the impact of sirens as a top concern when considering a location for the Fire Station within a residential zone. One school participant shared the concerns over sirens as a trigger for students with auditory sensitivities. This discussion provided a learning opportunity between the needs of fire responders and the impacts on student experiences.

- **Parking:** The congestion created from on-street parking during school drop-off and pick-up times was identified as a concern by neighbouring residents. Participants shared that the school zones are difficult to navigate, and this is compounded during winter months when snow piles limit parking.
- **Traffic Congestion and Pedestrian Safety:** This concern was identified by several residents in targeted meetings. Safety of young children crossing streets during school drop-off and pick-up times was a concern specifically identified by residents bordering the proposed project site.
- **Impacts to Housing Market Values:** Residents bordering the proposed project site mentioned concerns about how the placement of a Fire Station with the loss of park views would impact their home values.

2.2 Online Survey

The project team conducted a self-administered online survey from June 4 to July 7, 2025.

The intended audience of the survey focused on those who would likely be most affected by the proposed Fire Station in Dundonald Park on Hunt Road. The audiences who received information from the project team about engagement opportunities, including the link to the online survey, included:

- Community residents in neighbourhoods within northwest Saskatoon including Dundonald, Hampton Village and Westview
- Homeowners and residents bordering the proposed site
- Representatives from the local schools
- Members of the Saskatoon Fire Department and Saskatoon Firefighters Union Local 80
- Members of the Dundonald Community Association

It is important to note that participants had the opportunity to provide feedback during meetings and information sessions along with the choice to respond to the survey.

2.2.1 Marketing Techniques

The online survey was promoted through the project engage page, social media neighbourhood pages, and direct communication to the following:

- Homeowners and residents bordering the proposed project site along Hunt Road
- Principals from École Dundonald and École St. Peter
- Representatives from Saskatoon Public Schools and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
- Dundonald Community Association Board Members
- Fire Department Staff and Saskatoon Firefighters Union Local 80
- Flyers delivered to Dundonald Neighbourhood residences

2.2.2 Data limitations of the online survey

- The sample size limits the validity of the results in terms of providing a full representation of the population under consideration; however, the results provide an indication of how

participants may perceive the implementation of Fire Station No. 10 in Dundonald Park along Hunt Road.

2.2.3 Summary of Online Survey Results

To view the questions asked in the survey – please see [Appendix A](#).

Online Survey Results

A total of 358 online survey responses were received.

Note: Four responses were removed from the data set because they were empty responses with duplicate IP address.

Results – Neighbourhood Participation

Residents from the Dundonald neighbourhood represented the largest group of respondents at 59.8% (n=214) followed by residents from Hampton Village representing 13.1% (n=47) responses. Residences adjacent to the proposed project site represented 8.4% (n=30) total responses of the surveys. Westview residents made up 9.5% (n=34) responses and other neighbourhoods and participants residing outside of Saskatoon made up 8.9% (n=32) and 0.3% (n=1) of responses respectively.

Results – Design and Development of a New Fire Station

Respondents were asked what was most important to them when thinking about the design and development of a new fire station. This was a multiple-choice question with the option to add further comments. The results are presented below.

Fire Station Design and Development Answer Choices	Responses	
A small facility that blends in with the neighbourhood	27.2%	88
What the station looks like - building materials, colours, etc.	13.6%	44
Minimal impact to green space or access to park space	48.5%	157
Road maintenance improvements	21.9%	71
Impacts to parking on Hunt Road	27.8%	90
Noise (use of sirens and traffic)	56.2%	182
I'm unsure / don't know	2.8%	9
Other (please specify)	32.1%	104
Answered		324
Skipped		34

Additional feedback and comments provided in the “other” category included the following themes:

Theme	Description	# of Comments
Child and School Safety	Concerns about the proximity of the fire station to two elementary schools, including risks to children during drop-off/pick-up and recess times.	55
Traffic and Congestion	Worries about increased traffic, especially during peak school hours, and how emergency vehicles will navigate congested areas.	23
Alternative Locations	Suggestions to relocate the fire station to less disruptive areas such as Claypool Drive, Kensington, or Hampton Village.	20
Green Space and Park Loss	Objections to the loss of parkland and recreational space used by the community and schools.	17
Property Value and Residential Impact	Fears that the fire station will reduce property values and negatively affect the residential character of the neighborhood.	15
Response Time and Emergency Access	Emphasis on improving emergency response times and ensuring the station is well-positioned for quick access to major roads.	15
Supportive Sentiment	General support for the fire station, often citing community safety or positive role modeling for children.	11
Noise and Sirens	Concerns about the noise from sirens and emergency vehicles disrupting the neighborhood and affecting quality of life.	8
Aesthetic or layout	Comments included interest in design to fit into the neighbourhood and the inclusion of community space such as washrooms.	3

Results – Top Benefits

Respondents were asked what they think are the top benefits of having a new fire station on Hunt Road in Dundonald Park for them and their neighbourhood. The comments received were as follows:

Top Benefit Answer Choices	Responses	
Improved fire response times	65.2%	208
Access to safety and prevention programs	35.4%	113
Positive connections between the Saskatoon Fire Department and the neighbourhood	37.9%	121
Having 24-hour uniformed emergency presence in neighbourhood	56.4%	180
I'm unsure / don't know	12.2%	39
Other (please specify)	17.9%	57
	Answered	319
	Skipped	39

Within the “other” category, several respondents shared their interest in placing a new fire station in an alternate location within the northwest section of Saskatoon. Additional feedback and comments provided in the “other” category included the following themes:

Theme	Description	# of Comments
No Perceived Benefit	Many respondents explicitly stated that they see no benefit to the proposed fire station, often citing concerns about location or disruption.	21
Better Location Suggested	A number of comments identified other sites that are perceived as more suitable or indicated that the site is not the best available.	14
Supportive Sentiment	Some participants expressed general support for the project, describing it as a positive or much-needed addition to the neighborhood.	11
Green Space Loss	Some comments focused on the loss of parkland or green space, viewing it as a negative impact rather than a benefit.	5
Improved Safety and Response Time	A number of comments highlighted faster emergency response and increased safety as key benefits.	3

Results – Considerations or Concerns

Respondents were asked to share any considerations or concerns they have about the proposed addition of a new fire station. The majority of concerns focused on the proximity of the proposed site to school zones and concerns over student/pedestrian safety.

The feedback themes received were as follows:

Theme	Description	# of Comments
Child and School Safety	Concerns about the proximity to schools and the safety of children.	87
Green Space and Park Loss	Objections to the loss of parkland and recreational space.	78
Property Value and Residential Impact	Fears about declining property values and residential impact.	55
Traffic and Congestion	Concerns about increased traffic and congestion in the area.	51
Response Time and Emergency Access	Emphasis on improving emergency response times and access.	51
Supportive Sentiment	General support for the fire station and its benefits.	51
Noise and Sirens	Concerns about noise from sirens and disruption to the neighborhood.	48
Alternative Locations	Suggestions to relocate the fire station to less disruptive areas.	42

Results – Open-ended Comments

Respondents were provided opportunities to share additional comments about the proposed Fire Station No. 10 project. The most common sentiment shared through feedback in this question was support for a fire station but concerns over the proposed site. Feedback and comments received reflected the following themes:

Theme	Description	# of Comments
Alternative Location Suggestions	Suggestions to relocate the fire station to a more suitable location.	55
Support for the Fire Station	Positive feedback supporting the fire station in the proposed area.	48
Proximity to Schools and Child Safety	Concerns about the fire station being too close to schools and child safety.	36
Loss of Green Space and Parks	Worries about losing valuable green space and parkland used by the community.	31
Noise and Disturbance	Concerns about sirens and general disturbance in a quiet residential area.	11
Concerns about Public Engagement	Frustration over lack of consultation or a belief that the decision has already been made regardless of survey input.	10

2.3 In-Person Paper Survey

At each in-person meeting/information session, held on June 12, 2025 and on June 18, 2025, participants had the opportunity to fill out a paper survey. This survey aligned with the questions presented in the online survey and offered an opportunity for participants to provide their thoughts and feedback while participating in meeting and information sessions.

During the June 12, 2025 resident meeting, six surveys were completed with all participants residing next to the project site. During the June 18, 2025 community information session, seven surveys were completed with six responses from residents of the Dundonald neighbourhood and one response from Hampton Village.

The feedback received from these surveys are as follows:

Design and Development of a New Fire Station:

What is most important to you when thinking about the design and development of a new fire station on Hunt Road in Dundonald Park? (select all that apply)	Responses	
A small facility that blends in with the neighbourhood	14.6%	7
What the station looks like - building materials, colours, etc.	6.3%	3
Minimal impact to green space or access to park space	18.8%	9
Road maintenance improvements	10.4%	5
Impacts to parking on Hunt Road	12.5%	6
Noise (use of sirens and traffic)	22.9%	11
I'm unsure / don't know	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	14.6%	7

The top themes arising from additional comments shared in this question include Safety and School zone concerns (4 mentions); concerns about impacts to property values and taxes (2 mentions); and concerns about noise (2 mentions) and traffic/congestion (2 mentions).

Top Benefits of a New Fire Station:

What do you think are the top benefits of having a new fire station on Hunt Road in Dundonald Park for you and your neighbourhood? (select all that apply)	Responses	
Improved fire response times	29.6%	8
Access to safety and prevention programs	14.8%	4
Positive connections between the Saskatoon Fire Department and the neighbourhood	14.8%	4
Having 24-hour uniformed emergency presence in neighbourhood	22.2%	6
I'm unsure / don't know	3.7%	1
Other (please specify)	14.8%	4

Additional feedback received through comments received in this question included two requests for alternate locations and one enquiry about whether the fire station would result in lower police visits to the neighbourhood.

Additional Comments:

Participants were asked to share any additional comments or concerns with the project. The summary of responses include:

- Opposition to the location or requests for alternative locations – n=4
- Concerns about lights and/or noise – n=2
- Concerns about safety and the impacts of school proximity – n=1
- General support for the project – n=3

2.4 Community Information Session

Residents were invited to attend an open information session on Wednesday June 18, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at École St. Peter gymnasium (202 Sumner Crescent). 62 participants attended the community information session.

Invitations to the community information session were shared via community flyers in the Dundonald neighbourhood, via social media through the Community Associations and the Ward 4 Councillor, and on the project engage page. Additionally, at meetings with local groups project staff gave reminders to participants about the various engagement opportunities.

Participants had the opportunity to meet with project team members and to ask questions about the project details shared on display boards. Discussions included resident concerns about noise and safety as well as why the site is being proposed along with other sites that were explored previously. Participant sentiment was mixed with several indicating concerns and opposition to the location within Dundonald Park with others identifying the proposed location as a positive addition to the neighbourhood. Most participants were in support of the addition of a fire station within the northwest section of the City.

All participants were asked to complete the online survey or a paper survey while visiting the information session.

2.5 Telephone and Email Correspondence

In addition to the meetings, information sessions and surveys, the option to share feedback through direct telephone calls or emails was also available.

Four emails were received from respondents who had feedback or requested contact with the project team outside of the other engagement feedback methods. Through these emails, information about specific alternate site locations were shared as well as information on how to communicate with City Council.

Two telephone meetings were set up with residents to discuss their concerns with the proposed Fire Station No. 10 location. Each of these telephone meetings were held with representatives from

the Fire Department and topics of discussion ranged from student/pedestrian safety, noise, loss of green/park space, and impacts to property values or taxes.

One letter was received with a response delivering information about the engagement meetings and how to access the project information boards presented at the information session.

Appendix A

Online Survey Structure

The following questions regarding the proposed Fire Hall No. 10 project were posed to respondents:

- Where do you live?
 - Bordering the project site at Dundonald Park (Including 102-151 Hunt Road, 102 – 122 Sumner Cres.)
 - Dundonald Neighbourhood
 - Hampton Village Neighbourhood
 - Westview Neighbourhood
 - Another neighbourhood in Saskatoon
 - Outside of Saskatoon
 - I don't know
- What is most important to you when thinking about the design and development of a new fire station on Hunt Road in Dundonald Park? (select all that apply)
 - A small facility that blends in with the neighbourhood
 - What the station looks like – building materials, colours, etc.
 - Minimal impact to green space or access to park space
 - Road maintenance improvements
 - Impacts to parking on Hunt Road
 - Noise (use of sirens and traffic)
 - I'm unsure / don't know
 - Other (please specify)
- What do you think are the top benefits of having a new fire station on Hunt Road in Dundonald Park for you and your neighbourhood? (select all that apply)
 - Improved fire response times
 - Access to safety and prevention programs
 - Positive connections between the Saskatoon Fire Department and the neighbourhood
 - Having 24-hour uniformed emergency presence in neighbourhood
 - I'm unsure / don't know
 - Other (please specify)
- Do you have any considerations or concerns about the proposed addition of a new fire station on Hunt Road in Dundonald Park?
- Please share any other comments regarding the proposed Fire Station No. 10 project.