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June 25, 2014

**Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd. Selected to Build VPL's Third Resource Library  
Groundbreaking Ceremony  
Thursday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m.  
2191 Major Mackenzie Drive**

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**WHAT:**

A ground-breaking ceremony to announce that Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd has been selected to build Vaughan Public Libraries' (VPL) third resource library which will be located at 2191 Major Mackenzie Drive on the north-west quadrant of the Civic Centre Campus.

ZAS Architects Inc. designed the new library which is anticipated to open in 2015.

**WHEN:**

**Thursday, June 26 at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Opening Remarks** - M.C. Michael McKenzie, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board; Hon. Marizio Bevilacqua. P.C., Mayor and Councillor Marilyn Iafrate, Ward 1

**5:50 p.m.**

**Groundbreaking Ceremony & Official Photographs**

Mayor, Members of Council, Vaughan Public Library Board Trustees, architect and contractor in attendance

**6:10 p.m.**

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments

**WHERE:**

North-west quadrant of the Civic Centre Campus  
[2191 Major Mackenzie Drive](#)

**ATTACHMENTS: Project Background/VPL' Building Projects Blog/ Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd. / ZAS Architects Inc.**

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:**

VPL's third resource library which will be located on the north-west quadrant of the Civic Centre Campus at 2191 Major Mackenzie Drive is anticipated to open in 2015. It has been designed by ZAS Architects and will be built by Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd.

The site will house an inspiring facility that will respond to VPL's mission of offering a welcoming destination that educates, excites and empowers the Vaughan community. The spectacular yet tastefully designed library building will become a vibrant element of the Civic Centre Campus.

Highlights of the proposed services & collections that will be offered at the new library include:

- Full suite of programs including storytimes, book clubs, technology training
- Materials for adults, youth and children on a wide variety of subjects, including popular and high demand materials and support for the school curriculum
- Technology such as word processing and presentation software
- Digital Media lab
- Collaboration spaces for group study
- Storytime area that is part of the children's area and invites participation
- An internal courtyard that is open to the elements

**VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES' BUILDING PROJECTS BLOG**

VPL offers a building projects blog accessible online at [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info) to provide updates on the progress of new libraries being built in the City of Vaughan and renovations being done to existing branches of Vaughan Public Libraries.

**AQUICON CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD**

Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd specializes in the construction of public sector and educational facilities including schools, universities, community centres, churches and libraries. With its hands-on approach, Aquicon has earned the trust and respect of clients and peers.

The firm's recent works include the Gore Meadows Community Centre & Library (Brampton), Orillia Public Library & Market Square, Waterloo Regional Police Services (North Division) and Mapleglen Residence (Vaughan). In the past the firm has also help build the North Wentworth Arena, Brooklin Library and Community Centre, the Pierre Berton Public School, Ajax Operations Centre, Markham YMCA and many more public facilities.

**ZAS ARCHITECTS INC.**

ZAS Architects is a full-service design firm offering expertise in all facets of architecture, planning, and interior design. With its head office located in Toronto, and affiliate offices in Vancouver and the Middle East, the ZAS team is united in its dedication to the ongoing development of high-quality architecture, delivering results that are innovative, beautiful, and sustainable.

The firm's recent works include notable and award-winning libraries such as St. James Town Public Library (Toronto), Burnhamthorpe District Library (Mississauga) and the Painswick Branch Library in Barrie. ZAS has also completed many other acclaimed buildings in the GTA including the Honda Canada Headquarters and the Bill Crothers School for Athletics & Healthy Active Living (Markham), Gore Meadows Community Centre/Library (Brampton) and the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

**VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

*Vaughan Public Libraries offers welcoming destinations that educate, excite and empower the community. Annually, VPL welcomes over two million visitors making it one of the top leisure and information destinations within the City of Vaughan. VPL is more than just a place to borrow books. Each year we offer hundreds of programs for people of all ages, you can enjoy our incredible array of content everywhere – in the library, at home or on your handheld device. For more information on VPL's programs and services visit [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info) and subscribe to our [eNewsletter](#).*

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