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October 11, 2013

Civic Centre Resource Library Site Dedication Ceremony

Thursday, October 17 at 6 p.m.

North-west Quadrant of the Civic Centre Campus, 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.

WHAT:

A ceremony to dedicate the north-west quadrant of the Civic Centre Campus as the site where Vaughan Public Libraries' (VPL) third resource library will be built.

The building, being designed by ZAS Architects Inc. is now at the conceptual design phase. Construction is expected to begin in 2014 with anticipated completion in 2015.

WHEN:

Thursday, October 17 at 6 – 6:30 p.m.

6:00 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

6:20 p.m.

Official Site Dedication Photograph - Mayor, Members of Council, Vaughan Public Library Board Trustees in attendance.

WHERE:

North-west quadrant of the Civic Centre Campus
[2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan](#)

**ATTACHMENT(S): Project Update/Vaughan Public Libraries' Building Blog/
ZAS Architects Inc.****PROJECT UPDATE: Community Meeting Held October 3, 2013**

The proposed design of VPL's third resource library is now at the conceptual design phase and VPL has the opportunity to invite additional input regarding the new building.

On October 3, a community meeting was held at Vaughan City Hall, where VPL staff shared the Vaughan Public Library Board's vision for the Civic Centre Resource Library. ZAS Architects presented the proposed design and comments were invited from those in attendance. Feedback received highlighted the "elegant architectural features", the "beautiful and thoughtful design", and one person in attendance commented that the building will "play an important role as a landmark".

From October 4 to October 14, residents unable to attend the community meeting have an opportunity to review the architects' renderings at the Maple Library or online on [VPL's Building Blog](#). Residents can also provide their feedback through a survey available in print while at the Maple Library, or online during their visit to VPL's Building Blog or [Facebook](#) account. The information gathered through these methods will be provided to ZAS Architects for their review and inclusion in the design proposal.

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES' BUILDING BLOG

VPL offers a building blog accessible online at 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.

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.

Established in 1984, ZAS Architects began as a Canadian architectural partnership focusing on high-quality design for the public sector. Since then, we have expanded into a multifaceted consulting organization with a high profile and diverse international clientele. The firm's diverse portfolio of work includes

innovative projects at multiple scales—intricate, large, complex, multi-stakeholder undertakings--across Canada and around the world.

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. Current projects in the ZAS studio include the new Lassonde School of Engineering at York University, Billy Bishop City Centre Airport Pedestrian Tunnel (Toronto) and the River City residential development in Toronto's West Don Lands. With 40 recent distinctions to their credit, ZAS is the recipient of design and planning awards from across Canada and internationally.

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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