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**Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) Invites Community
To The Pleasant Ridge Library Site Dedication Ceremony
& Community Meeting, Sun, Dec. 8, 2 – 4 p.m.
300 Pleasant Ridge Ave, Thornhill**

VAUGHAN, ON – All are welcome to attend the site dedication ceremony and community meeting for VPL's **Pleasant Ridge Public Library** which will be located at the north entrance of the North Thornhill Community Centre, December 8 at 2 p.m. A community meeting will follow to allow residents an opportunity to see the proposed design.

The design build contract has been awarded to **Maystar General Contractors Inc.**, in collaboration with **Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc.** Construction is expected to be completed in November, 2014.

WHAT: Pleasant Ridge Library site dedication ceremony and community meeting.

WHEN: **Sunday, December 8 at 2 p.m.**

2 p.m. **Opening Remarks** - M.C. Michael McKenzie, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board; Hon. Marizio Bevilacqua P.C., Mayor; and Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Ward 4.

2:25 p.m. **Official Site Dedication Photograph** - Mayor, Members of Council, Vaughan Public Library Board Trustees, Architects, General Contractor in attendance.

2:30 p.m. **Community Meeting in Art Room**

WHERE: North Thornhill Community Centre, North Entrance
300 Pleasant Ridge Ave, Thornhill

ATTACHMENT(S): Project Update/ /Maystar General Contractors Inc. /
Diamond Schmitt Architects/ Vaughan Public Libraries' Building Blog

PROJECT UPDATE:

The new library will be built as an addition to the North Thornhill Community Centre at 300 Pleasant Ridge Avenue. It will be located north of the existing community centre building in an area bounded by the existing tennis courts to the west, existing parking lot to the north and east, and the existing community centre building to the south.

At the October 17 Vaughan Public Library Board Meeting, Board Trustees approved the name **Pleasant Ridge Library** from a list of 20 proposed names. On October 29, the City of Vaughan's Council approved the Library Board's recommendation to award the design build contract to **Maystar General Contractors Inc.** in collaboration with **Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc.**

The Pleasant Ridge Library is expected to open in November 2014. Until then, Vaughan Public Libraries continues to offer a 30-minute **Family Storytime** program in the Preschool Room at the North Thornhill Community Centre. The program runs on Thursdays at 3:45 p.m., on December 5, 12 and 19, and from January 9 to May 29. Families are invited to take part in this excellent early literacy program.

MAYSTAR GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Maystar General Contractors Inc. is a company founded in the mid-1980s to provide construction services, including general contracting, project management and design build. The company's projects range from educational buildings and government office buildings to retail stores and retirement homes across Ontario. Maystar built the 280,000 square-foot Vaughan City Hall, an eco-friendly multi-level facility.

DIAMOND SCHMITT ARCHITECTS INC.

Diamond Schmitt Architects is a leading Canadian full-service architectural practice. Established in 1975, Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc. has achieved national and international recognition for innovative design excellence in a broad range of building types.

Diamond Schmitt Architects' award-winning libraries in both public and academic settings address the multifaceted needs of learning. The firm designed VPL's Pierre Berton Resource Library in 2004, and since then has designed a number of other libraries including the North Vancouver City Library and the 103,500-square-foot library and academic facility at Centennial College.

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.

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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