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**Pleasant Ridge Library Topping Off Ceremony
Friday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m.
300 Pleasant Ridge Ave, Thornhill**

WHAT: Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) invites media to a topping off ceremony of the new Pleasant Ridge Library to celebrate the topping off of the library structure and to welcome the next phase of construction.

In December, a site dedication ceremony was held to dedicate the north side of the North Thornhill Community Centre as the future site of the Pleasant Ridge Library. Construction began in February and is progressing quickly. The new library is anticipated to open by year end.

WHEN:

Friday, June 6 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 Sandra Yeung Racco, Ward 4
5:50 p.m.	Official Photographs Mayor, Members of Council, Vaughan Public Library Board Trustees, Architect and General Contractors in attendance
6 p.m.	Signing of a white steel beam
6:10 p.m.	Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments (Tennis Court)

WHERE: **Site of Pleasant Ridge Library**
North Thornhill Community Centre, North Entrance
300 Pleasant Ridge Ave, Thornhill

ATTACHMENTS: Projects Background/Vaughan Public Libraries' Building Projects blog//Maystar General Contractors Inc. / Diamond Schmitt Architects

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The Pleasant Ridge Library is being built as an addition to the North Thornhill Community Centre at 300 Pleasant Ridge Avenue. It is 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.

In November 2013, the design build contract of the new library was awarded to Maystar General Contractors Inc., in collaboration with Diamond Schmitt Architects Inc. A site dedication ceremony was held in December and construction began in February, 2014. As of today, the building project is well underway. The concrete foundation has been laid, the underground electrical and plumbing rough-in has been installed and the structural steel erection is being completed. The project is progressing quickly and the new library is expected to open in November 2014.

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES' BUILDING PROJECTS BLOG

VPL offers a building projects 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 VPL branches.

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

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.

The firm recently completed the 778,000-square-foot, 21-storey Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning for The Hospital of Sick Children. Current projects include the Globe and Mail Centre which will be the new home of Canada's national newspaper and the Environmental Science and Chemistry Building for the University of Toronto at Scarborough.

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