

# New Main Library Open House

February 6, 2023



COUNTY OF BRANT

**Public Library**

# Welcome & Introductions

## **Steering Group**

### Library Board

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# Background

2014

- Feasibility Study of Existing Library

2015-2017

- Needs Assessment and Facility Planning Study

2018-2021

- Site Studies and Community Consultation

2022-now

- Bawcutt Centre Site Chosen
- DPAI Hired

# Why a New Library?

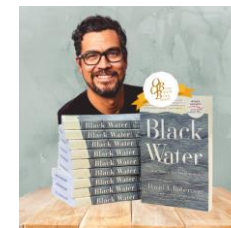
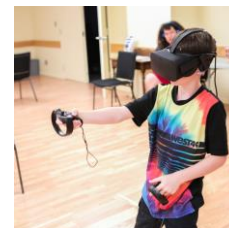
## For Residents

- Community Hub
  - Combat social isolation
  - Learning opportunities for all ages
- Social and Cultural Anchor
  - Casual and formal meeting space
  - “Third Space” for community
- Centralized County Library Operations
  - More efficient service
  - Core administrative centre

## For Businesses

- Libraries deliver \$5 to \$7 economic return on investment\*
- Library makes downtown core more attractive to businesses, developers, and tourists

\* “So Much More” Martin Prosperity Institute, 2013





# Why this Site?

- Great location
- Space for expansion and parking
- National Historic Site
- Beautiful heritage architecture
- Restores public access

# Thank You

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