



## Media Release

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# County of Brant Public Library chooses award-winning firm, DPAI Architecture Inc., to design new Main Branch Library

The County of Brant Public Library is thrilled to share that DPAI Architecture Inc. (DPAI), in partnership with Shoalts & Zaback Architects Ltd, will design the new Main Branch Library, currently the Bawcutt Centre and former Paris Old Town Hall.

Located in Hamilton, Ontario, DPAI is a multiple award-winning firm specializing in architecture, interiors, and urban design. DPAI is recognized for their design of the Hamilton Public Library and Farmer's Market. They are currently acting as Library Design Specialists on the new Central Branch of the Greater Sudbury Public Library with WZMH Architects.

“We are eager to work with DPAI to restore and elevate this National Historic Site and create a community-focused, modern library space for the residents of Brant County,” says Fred Gladding, Library Board Chair. “DPAI’s holistic, people-first approach aligns with the library’s vision and values and prioritizes the needs of the community.”

DPAI and their team are set to develop designs for the new Main Branch Library, in addition to overseeing a full restoration of the building’s Gothic Revival-style elements and Opera Hall.

“Our core team includes architects, heritage restoration specialists, Indigenous relations experts, and interior designers,” says David Premi, Principal and CEO of DPAI “Esteemed Heritage Architect, Phil Goldsmith, will oversee the successful restoration of irreplaceable heritage features, while Indigenous Design Advisor, Linda Makins, will ensure the distinct vision of the project is maintained with reconciliation as a fundamental overarching goal.”

Project updates will be posted to [brantlibrary.ca/newmainbranch](https://brantlibrary.ca/newmainbranch). In late 2022, the public will be invited to share feedback on proposed designs. Subscribe to [brantlibrary.ca/news](https://brantlibrary.ca/news) for upcoming news and information.



The project is guided by a Steering Group composed of Library Board members and the Bawcutt Centre Advisory Committee. Pending Council approval of the final project design and budget, construction is expected to begin in 2023.

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#### **About the Library**

The County of Brant Public Library serves the County of Brant, Ontario, with five branches in Burford, Glen Morris, Paris, Scotland-Oakland, and St. George, and a mobile library and 24/7 book-lending kiosk in Onondaga.

Visit the library online at [brantlibrary.ca](http://brantlibrary.ca), @brantlibrary on Facebook and Twitter, and @brantcountypubliclibrary on Instagram.

#### **About DPAI**

DPAI is an award-winning and values-driven architecture, interiors and urban design firm focusing on urban renewal, sustainability and community. Our team of architects and interior designers is sensitive to the lasting impact that spaces, buildings, and cities have on people and the environment. We fulfil our mission to *Shape the World* by choosing to create a positive social, economic and environmental impact through our work.

#### **Questions or comments? Connect with:**

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