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Clarington Public Library, Bowmanville Branch Starts the Redesign Process

September 19, 2018—Clarington Public Library is excited to begin a redesign of the Bowmanville Branch. The consultation phase has started, and the design is expected to be finalized by the end of the year.

“Community feedback will be an integral part of the project,” states Terri Gray, Clarington Public Library Board Chair. “We’re redesigning our main branch to modernize library services and increase the value to our community. Learning how our members use the Library, or what they might like to see in the Library, will play a key role in the project.”

A public brainstorming session is being held at the Bowmanville Branch on **Tuesday, September 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Participants will be encouraged to provide feedback and ideas on how the Library can meet their evolving needs, and take part in brainstorming and planning activities. An online survey about the project is also available at: <https://www.clarington-library.on.ca/bowmanvilleredesign-survey>.

Shoalts and Zaback Architects Ltd. (SZA) have been selected to redesign the Bowmanville Branch. “We’re very pleased to have been chosen through the RFP process,” states Gerald Shoalts of SZA. The company provides full services in architecture, historical restoration, renovation, interior design, planning studies, and approvals. SZA designed the Courtice Branch expansion, completed in August 2015, the Newcastle Branch in August 2009, and the current Bowmanville Branch, which opened in September 2003. “We’re excited by the opportunity to redesign the branch we helped create fifteen years ago,” continued Mr. Shoalts.

While construction dates have yet to be determined and are pending Municipal Council’s approval, the Library expects the design phase to be completed by year end with construction commencing in the late spring 2019. The length of construction and related service interruptions have yet to be determined, as it will be dependent on the final design.

To learn more about the project and how you can help shape your refreshed branch, drop into the public brainstorming session on **Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bowmanville Branch**, or visit the Library’s website at: www.clarington-library.on.ca/bowmanvilleredesign.

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