

# KPL hosts public open house on designs for expanded main library

The Kitchener Public Library Board, the City of Kitchener, and the Civic District partners will host a Public Open House session to formally unveil designs for a renovated and expanded central library and joint-use underground parking structure in the heart of Kitchener's Civic District on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 7am - 2pm at the Kitchener Market, 300 King St. E. Kitchener.

The Open House will provide the community with an opportunity to

view schematic designs showing basic floor layouts and the proposed location of services and collections.

Plans for the three-story underground parking complex will also be available, plus there will be an opportunity to view and comment on a series of concepts for the development of a future Civic District urban square.

The Civic District, bordered by Queen, Ellen, Frederick and Weber Streets, includes such notable institutions as the Centre-in-the-

Square, KW Art Gallery, the Registry Theatre, and Kitchener Public Library. The Civic District has all the ingredients to become a focal point for arts and culture in Waterloo Region, and the Civic District partners encourage the community to "imagine the possibilities" through a revitalization of this key cultural landscape.

An architect team lead by Levitt Goodman Architects was officially hired to lead the design phase of the Kitchener Public Library project.

Working in partnership with Levitt Goodman is the architectural firm of Phillip H. Carter, which has overseen over 50 library projects including the renovation of 25 Toronto Public Library branches.

The third member of the team, The Walter Fedy Partnership, is

responsible for the design of the shared parking structure and will serve as the structural, mechanical, electrical and LEED consultant.

For more information on the Central Library project, please visit the Kitchener Public Library's website at [www.kpl.org](http://www.kpl.org).

## Confused about what to do with your leaves this year?

The City of Kitchener has launched a new search tool on its website that allows residents to find out exactly what their loose leaf collection options are and when leaf collection will occur in their area.

Residents can go on-line at [www.kitchener.ca](http://www.kitchener.ca) and enter their address into the search tool, which will provide them with information specific to their residence, including: the closest leaf drop off site, which leaf collection area (zone) they live in and their leaf collection options.

If residents live in an area that receives curbside loose leaf collection, the search tool will tell them how often they will receive pick up and the specific week that the collection is expected to occur in their area.

It is anticipated that curbside loose leaf collection - which is only

available to residents living within the shaded areas identified on the 2009 Leaf Collection Program Map (see map on page 13) - will begin the week of November 9 and will continue through November 30.

Residents living within the identified (shaded) zones on the map are permitted to rake their leaves to the curb once during November (during the week specified on the map) while residents living in areas identified as "hot spots" on the map will receive multiple loose leaf collections, as required, to keep the streets clear of leaves.

Residents living outside of the identified zones on the map will be responsible for the disposal of their own leaves. City staff will be monitoring all Kitchener streets on a regular basis to ensure roadways remain safe and clear.

All residents are encouraged to use this order of preference when dealing with their leaves:

- Mulch them with the lawn mower if possible or practical.
- Compost the leaves on your property if possible.
- Take your leaves to one of the nine approved leaf drop-off sites.
- Bag your leaves for pick-up as yard waste on the designated days.
- For those properties in the designated areas only, rake the leaves to the curb for pickup by the city during the designated weeks.

More information about Kitchener's leaf collection program, the 2009 Loose Leaf Collection Map and the search tool feature are available at [www.kitchener.ca](http://www.kitchener.ca) (click on the 2009 Leaf Collection Program link on the home page) or by calling 519-741-2529.

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**WHEN AND WHERE - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th at 7:00 pm.** Delta Hotel, 105 King Street East, Kitchener. FREE PARKING OFF CHARLES.

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