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RDH Architects Selected as Architectural Firm for the Old Post Office Cambridge Moves Forward With Plans on the New Library and Restaurant Project

Cambridge, Ontario. March 24, 2014... Once known as the Galt Post Office, this 1885 heritage designated building located at 12 ½ Water Street South will be transformed by RDH Architects. The City of Cambridge is pleased to announce RDH Architects have been selected as the architectural firm to transform the Old Post Office into an innovative and creative destination for residents of Cambridge and surrounding areas. This new community space will be the sixth addition to the Idea Exchange family, an organization who serves as a leader in literature, cultural programming, art and design in Cambridge. This new facility will include digital learning labs, a teen lounge, family discovery centre, and a main floor restaurant with outdoor terrace overlooking the Grand River.

“We are extremely excited and honoured to have been selected as the architects of the new Cambridge library and restaurant project. We eagerly await the chance to begin the process of restoring, renovating and transforming this beautiful, elegantly sited, heritage property” explains Bob Goyeche, Principal, RDH Architects. With a continually growing portfolio of work, RDH Architects are well known for their work on projects such as the Bloor Gladstone Library (Toronto), the Hamilton Central Library and Farmers’ Market (Hamilton), and the Mississauga Library: Lakeview; Port Credit; and Lorne Park branches (Mississauga).



Acquired by the City in late 2012, the former Galt Post Office is one of the most important and iconic architectural buildings in the community. Not only iconic, the former Galt Post Office has been designated a heritage building by Ontario Heritage Act and part of the Parks Canada Historic Sites and Monuments directory. The heritage elements of design will practice conservation, restoration and preservation using the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

“This truly is an exciting project and one that pays tribute to our rich heritage but also builds on our

dynamic future. The breathtaking views along the Grand River will serve as a one-of-a-kind back drop to the community space and restaurant perfect for the whole family" says Cambridge Mayor Doug Craig.

The guiding project committee consists of Cambridge Mayor and City Council members, City staff and external community leaders from the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, the Idea Exchange Board, and CEO Greg Hayton of Idea Exchange to name a few. "Idea Exchange is the future of culture in our community. Our vision focuses on a passion for art, reading, knowledge sharing and creating. We are excited to provide innovative programs and services in this dynamic facility" says Greg Hayton, CEO of Idea Exchange.

Community public input meetings are expected to take place early summer 2014. Visit the City of Cambridge website at www.cambridge.ca for more information.

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About the City of Cambridge

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. The population of Cambridge is approximately 130,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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