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## Laurier Brantford YMCA to hold design open houses

BRANTFORD – The public is invited to view the detailed design for the Laurier-YMCA Athletics and Recreation Centre at two upcoming design open houses on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Cannon Design, the architects working on the building, will join representatives from Laurier and the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford to present the design between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the lobby of the SC Johnson Building, 38 Market Street, and again between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Brantford Family YMCA.

"This project will support the expansion of postsecondary education in Brantford," said Brian Rosborough, senior executive officer of Laurier's Brantford campus. "It will provide students, faculty and staff with better access to recreation and support the creation of new athletics programs in Brantford."

"The success of this project to date has been the important collaboration between partners," said Jim Commerford, president & CEO with the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford. "We're proud to give the community and students the first look at the facility designs."

The building is targeted for the south side of Colborne Street, between Grand River Hall and the municipal parking walkway, opposite Harmony Square.

The facility will include an aquatic centre for teaching, fitness, therapy and leisure; multi-purpose spaces for fitness classes and social, educational and cultural programming; teaching spaces for community education; cardio, strength and weight areas for individual fitness and community-based health-care programs; and large gymnasiums and large multi-purpose studios.

The facility will serve residents of Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations and the postsecondary institutions in the community.

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