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Laurier hires general contractor to renovate Carnegie Library *Renovations to Laurier Brantford building begin immediately and should end in August*

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University has hired a general contractor to renovate the future home of Laurier Brantford. Versteeg Contracting Ltd. of Heidelberg, the firm currently renovating Brantford City Hall, submitted the lowest bid and will be responsible for work on the Carnegie Library.

Versteeg was one of eight companies to bid on the project. Its bid of \$924,000 (excluding GST, architect fees and permit fees) was \$25,000 lower than the next closest tender and \$50,000 below the lowest bid from a Brantford contractor. Laurier signed a contract with Versteeg on Friday, after ensuring that the company's bid was in order.

"We went through all the bids and determined that Versteeg was fully capable of doing the work we need, in the time allowed, and at the most competitive price," explained Ron Dupuis, Laurier's assistant vice-president of physical resources. "We were also reassured by the fact that this firm is the one renovating City Hall for the City of Brantford."

Renovations begin immediately. The first step calls for the demolition and removal of items that will not be part of the new interior. The next step – actual construction – should be underway by mid-April, with the bulk of the work completed by early August.

Versteeg will subcontract specialized mechanical, electrical, drywall and other work. The list of subcontractors who pre-qualified includes a good representation from Brantford.