

Factsheet



Major Downtown Kitchener Projects

Downtown Kitchener is experiencing a transformation into a modern and dynamic city centre. Several major new developments are planned for downtown Kitchener and work continues on many significant projects that are currently underway.

Corporate Priority

The City's plans for the future are guided by a community strategic plan entitled: A Plan for a Healthy Kitchener 2007-2027. That plan clearly identifies key community priorities for the future success of the community. Building a dynamic downtown is one of those priorities that is being pursued through a strategy to attract new economic clusters to the downtown, including: education, arts and culture and bio-medicine.

University of Waterloo School of Pharmacy

This landmark facility will be situated on the corner of King and Victoria and is expected to open in January 2009. This project represents a \$30 million partnership between the City of Kitchener and University of Waterloo which will energize the city's core, bring new dimensions to the downtown community and help meet the health care needs of the region.

King Street Streetscape

In 2009 King Street will be redesigned, it will include wider sidewalks, flexible parking, improved lighting and added street trees and planters. This new streetscape will create a high quality, pedestrian first design that is lively, attractive and sustainable. It will be one of North America's first urban green streets.

Lang Tannery Redevelopment

A Toronto development company, **Cadan Inc.** has plans to transform the former Lang Tanning building into a mix of corporate and social space. This redevelopment will be located directly across the street from the University of Waterloo's downtown Kitchener Health Sciences campus. This \$30 million renovation will feature restaurant and retail uses, landscaped courtyards and office space that will cater to the emerging technologies, multi media, financial and health sciences industries.

Centre Block Redevelopment

Andrin Limited has been selected as the developer of Center Block. Their design concepts will knit together condominium and live-work units, new retail space, a café and gallery, a boutique hotel and spa.

Provincial Courthouse

The Province of Ontario has committed to building a new provincial courthouse in downtown Kitchener, on the block bordered by Frederick, Duke, Scott and Weber streets. The courthouse will consolidate three of the province's regional court facilities into the new downtown building. Construction on this project will begin in 2010.

Shoppers Drug Mart

Located right beside City Hall, this large retail drug store opened in March 2008. The store on the main floor has an expanded grocery department that will meet the growing demand for food services in the downtown. The second floor will be home to upscale office space as well as a 250 person lecture theatre.

For more information

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