

Downtown Kitchener



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The attraction grows downtown

Garner added that entrepreneurs – the more established ones and the most recent ones - recognize the value of getting in on the ground floor of a dynamic new downtown.

Cadan Inc., a Toronto development company, recently purchased the historic 400,000 square-foot Lang Tanning building conveniently across the street from the new University of Waterloo Downtown Health Sciences Campus.

Early visions for the redevelopment of the site picture it as home to funky retail and commercial space, as well as a thriving hub for local artists and artisans - many of whom already call the building home. Lana Sherman, managing director of **Cadan Inc.**, says her company is now considering a possible partnership with the University of Waterloo (UW) that could see some space in the building used for bio-technology research, to complement the UW School of Pharmacy.

Sherman says working with the city on this redevelopment project has been an amazing experience:

“The City of Kitchener really understands the needs of developers, and they’ve been great in giving us the direction we need to move forward with this project.”

Cadan Inc. is also responsible for redeveloping the Palisades retirement home on Benton Street – very close to downtown Kitchener - into condominiums. Some of **Cadan’s** ideas for revitalizing this building include: a new restaurant, pub or café surrounding a beautifully landscaped courtyard; office and retail space; and educational opportunities.

