

NEWS RELEASE

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CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TO COMMENCE

HALDIMAND COUNTY, ON – Matheson Constructors Limited of Aurora, Ontario have been awarded the contract to construct Haldimand County's new Central Administration Building in Cayuga. Crews will mobilize on site today (May 23) and begin construction on Friday (May 25). The project is on track for completion by Fall 2019.

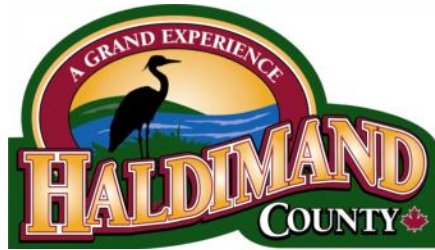
In total, 5 bids were received by Haldimand County from pre-qualified contractors, all of which were below the Council-approved construction budget. Matheson Constructors was the lowest bidder that met all necessary prerequisites.

Under the contract, Matheson Constructors will build the new 42,900 square foot, 3-storey administration building at the north end of the Cayuga Memorial Arena site (55 Thorburn Street South). The building will be fully accessible and meet the Leadership in Energy & Efficient Design (LEED) Silver Standard by incorporating eco-friendly materials and features that reduce energy consumption. The new building will, for the first time, co-locate 176 current staff which will generate better, more complete customer service and maximize operational efficiencies.

The building's design and floor plan – devised by Thier+Curran Architects Inc. – is centered around enhancing customer experience and accessibility. Residents and stakeholders who need information or assistance will be able to find what they're looking for in one visit, a vast improvement from having specific service locations spread out amongst multiple satellite offices. Co-locating County divisions under one roof seeks to achieve the same goal in terms of convenience and efficiencies; the configuration is expected to improve internal communication, expedite workflow processes and enhance problem solving between staff teams.

Key features of the building include its open-concept layout and flexible design with ample space for future growth. Natural lighting, tones and materials will provide an inviting, open and transparent atmosphere for citizens. Council Chambers have been designated as the building's focal point and will be directly accessible from the main floor foyer; the new chambers will be equipped with essential technologies that promote transparency/public access with a layout that accommodates overflow crowds.

Throughout the construction period, Chippewa Street will be closed off of Thorburn Street. Further information about the Central Administration Building project is available on the County website via cap.haldimandcounty.on.ca. Construction updates will be posted here and on the County's Facebook and Twitter channels.



Quotes

“We look forward to working with Matheson Constructors and moving ahead with this important, exciting project. From a customer service, operational and long-term investment perspective, the new building will facilitate the delivery of accessible, exemplary public service well into the future. The design is pragmatic, cost-effective and supports the advancement of our corporate pillars; beyond that, it’s a space that residents can be proud of.” – Haldimand County Mayor Ken Hewitt

“Matheson is pleased to have been awarded the contract to construct this impressive administration building for Haldimand County. We look forward to working with the municipality and their design partners to deliver a high quality project that will be a focal point of the community.” – Mike Brown, Director, Business Development, Matheson Constructors Limited

“Winston Churchill said ‘We shape our buildings. Thereafter they shape us’. At its best, civic government is transparent, accessible and engaging to the community, and it is these values that we have sought to incorporate in this County building. Speaking for the design team of about 50 people across 7 firms that helped mold this important County building, we are very, very excited to see this product of all our planning and hard work enter the construction phase.” – Bill Curran, TCA/Thier+Curran Architects Inc.

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