A major announcement on a $100 million dollar plus redevelopment project to create what is being called the “Gaslight District” was revealed.

Designs for the massive HIP Developments project was unveiled to politicians and the public at the Dunfield Theatre in Cambridge on Thursday November 17, 2016.

The redevelopment involves the creation of a new community including 400 residential units, tech offices, retail and restaurant space within the Tiger Brand industrial complex and Southworks Factory Outlet Mall on Grand Avenue.

Plans are in place to preserve the historic industrial properties while building new towers to create a multi-faceted urban environment.

A place to work, live, study and create. Innovative tech hub and office environment.

The Gaslight District will be an adaptive reuse of the historic Southworks and Tiger Brand properties into an urban environment that will foster creativity and innovative thinking across multiple disciplines.

An enlightend urban environment that has several partners including Grand Innovations and Conestoga College. The Distillery District in Toronto is being referred to as the closest similar community.
Grand Innovations is a newly formed non-profit organization created to support a number of industries through various programs and initiatives delivered by industry leaders. It was created to bring together, industry, academia, thought provokers and problem solvers, along with community leaders. Located in the heart of Cambridge and in close proximity to many of Canada’s leading advanced manufacturing organizations.

**Services will include:**

**Small Business Support:** network of experienced entrepreneurs representing all segments of business, including, sales, marketing, finance and technology.

**Intrepreneurship:** provide a platform and space to cultivate new ideas, products and potentially new enterprises.

**International Support and Consulting:** support and consulting services to communities and organizations looking to create or strengthen their entrepreneurship support programs.

Conestoga College plans to create a campus within the Grand Innovations building for advanced manufacturing and the centre for cybersecurity.

The new pedestrian bridge to be built across the Grand River will connect into a sculpture garden at Gaslight’s heart, connecting the East and West side of Galt.
Mayor Doug Craig recently returned home from a business mission to Germany that was co-ordinated by the Waterloo Economic Development Corporation led by Tony LaMantia, Accompanied also by Mayor Dave Jaworsky of the City of Waterloo. The purpose was to meet with German companies who have operations in Waterloo Region to strengthen the relationships and encourage further investment in our community, as well as to advance foreign trade opportunities between companies in our Region and Germany.

During the mission, the mayors met with key government officials, business leaders, government officials and industry.

Mayor Doug Craig and Senior Economic Development Officer Leah Bozic visited IDT Biologika, BESSEY Tools, Siemens and Bock GmbH, the Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce and the Stuttgart Mayors office.

“Cultivating strong relationships with our international business partners is critical to sustaining a prospering local economy,” said Mayor Doug Craig. “I was warmly received by the many German companies who have a strong presence in Cambridge, such as IDT Biologika, BESSEY Tools, Siemens and Bock GmbH. The visit demonstrated the City’s commitment to help them succeed and expand, and opened the doors for future investment in our great community.”

Upcoming Trade Mission to Japan

The Premier and the Minister of Economic Development and Growth have invited Mayor Craig and Gary Dyke, Cambridge City Manager, as delegates on the Ontario Business Mission to Japan from Nov. 25 to Dec 2. This trip is a perfect fit for the City given that Toyota is our largest local employer, and Mayor Craig is one of the top Auto Mayors in Ontario. It will be an important opportunity to help us strengthen our relationship with Toyota, demonstrate our commitment to helping them succeed in Cambridge, and also open the doors for future investment in our city...because we know that when Toyota succeeds in our community, other suppliers in the automotive supply chain look to Cambridge to invest as well.

We will provide more details about the trip in our next issue.
Is your Organization a Leader in Workforce Training and Development?

The Mayor’s Award, created in 1994, is an annual recognition of Cambridge organizations with projects or programs that have helped improve the knowledge, performance, and skill of their workforce (employees and volunteers).

Any Cambridge organization, large or small, private or public sector can qualify as a training and development leader.

Training Award Categories

Training & Development categories

Small Business:
The small business category includes any business or organization from any sector or category that has fewer than 50 employees.

Public and Not-for-Profit:
Includes government, educational institutions, health care, and not-for-profit organizations.

Service, Hospitality, and Retail:
Organizations primarily engaged in operating hotels/motels; restaurants; entertainment or recreational facilities; transportation and communication companies; financial service; contractors and organizations engaged in the retail business to the general public for personal and/or household consumption.

Industrial and Manufacturing:
Organizations primarily engaged in industrial uses including the manufacturing, processing, production, fabrication, assembly and sub-assembly, and warehousing of product

Who is Eligible to Win?

You are welcome to nominate your own organization, a supplier, or a customer.

We want to recognize those Cambridge businesses and organizations that are investing in their workforce and ultimately our community’s future.

Previous applicants are welcome to apply. However, Mayor’s Award winners from the past THREE years are not eligible.

How are Training Award Winners Selected?

The Cambridge Training & Development Advisory Group coordinates a call for nominations, evaluates submissions, conducts interviews and recommends winners to the Mayor.

The Cambridge Training & Development Advisory Group is comprised of representatives from business & industry, education, private and public sectors, and the City of Cambridge.

The Mayor presents the awards at a public celebration each year.

To Nominate or for more Information

The nomination form is available online

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Testimonial

“Langdon Hall was honoured to be approached by the Committee in 2016 regarding our staff training and development program. The process was very straightforward and we enjoyed talking with the Committee members about our training philosophy, and how we reach our goals. We were delighted to be informed that we were one of 2016’s winning companies and were excited to share the award with our staff in recognition of how accomplished they are at what they do. It was a pleasure to attend Council as the Mayor’s guests to accept the award, and to be able to network with other local companies that share our passion for developing the skills of the people who make our businesses successful.”