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## **City of Toronto unveils competing architectural designs for a vibrant, new North Market building in the St. Lawrence Market Complex**

Today, Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone (Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina) and Councillor Pam McConnell (Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale) officially unveiled the five short-listed competing designs in the St. Lawrence Market North Building Design Competition. In February 2010, five design teams were selected from a field of 30 to compete in Stage 2 of the competition and develop full architectural building designs.

"Some of the best and most established teams in architecture are presenting their designs for this property," said Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone. "The five competing designs all offer different approaches to a new four-storey, multi-purpose facility on a landmark site – a development that will be recognized for excellence in sustainable design and energy efficiency in one of Toronto's most historic neighbourhoods."

"We are one step closer in building a vibrant, new North Market building," said Councillor Pam McConnell. "The five short-listed design teams all have unique interpretations. We now invite the public to give their feedback, to help the jury select the best, forward-looking design that is mindful of the character and the heritage of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood."

The five short-listed teams that are presenting design concepts for this competition are:

Adamson Associates Architects and Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners  
Cohos Evamy + Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects  
Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects  
NORR Limited, Architects Engineers Planners  
Taylor Hazell Architects and Montgomery Sisam

In mid-May, a jury of seven distinguished members will evaluate the five short-listed submissions and choose a winning design. The competition winner will be announced on June 7, and until then, each of the designs are anonymous, identified only by a designated colour to ensure fairness and equity in judging.

The panel of jury members include:

Christine Couvelier, President of Culinary Concierge  
Dr. Ron Dembo, Founder and CEO of Zerofootprint  
William N. Greer, B.Arch., FRAIC, CAHP, Professional Heritage Consultant  
Andrea P. Leers, FAIA, Principal at Leers Weinzapfel Associates  
Peter Ortved, B.Arch., OAA, FRAIC, Principal of CS&P Architects  
Russell Smith, Canadian Novelist and Newspaper Columnist  
Claire Weisz, Founding Partner of WXY Architecture

The public is invited to view the short-listed designs in the Great Hall of St. Lawrence Hall, located at 157 King Street East, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, at the following times:

Friday, May 7: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 8: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 9: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit [http://www.toronto.ca/stlawrence\\_market/design](http://www.toronto.ca/stlawrence_market/design) to view and provide feedback on the five competing architectural designs, and for more information.

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