

DIALOG

ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA

A design competition to reimagine Halifax's waterfront



Civic & Culture

LOCATION

Halifax, NS

CLIENT

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Province of Nova Scotia; Develop Nova Scotia; Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

COMPLETION

2020

COLLABORATORS

Acre Architects

Brackish Design Studio

Shannon Webb-Campbell

Charcoal Blue

Englobe

Hanscomb

Jensen Hughes

Local Projects

RJ Bartlett Engineering Ltd

Tillotson Design

DIALOG SERVICES

Architecture

Interior Design

Planning & Urban Design

Structural Engineering

Sustainability + Building Performance

Consulting

DIALOG with Acre Architects, Brackish Design Studio and Shannon Webb-Campbell were selected as one of three finalists in the competition to design the new Art Gallery of Nova Scotia in September 2020. The submission, titled Sea Change, is an ambitious call to move beyond the traditional museum mandate of display and conservation to embrace new programs, art forms, practices and disciplines.

The building form is inspired in part by the local fog; sea smoke. This misty moving blanket envelops the harbour, the boardwalk, and the buildings with a soft light that harmonizes the colors and textures of the land and water, while gently moving a moving and undulating along its length.