

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.