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Four designs submitted for new Royal Alberta Museum

Design options open for public view and comment

Edmonton... Designs for the new Royal Alberta Museum are in and Albertans are invited to take a first-hand look and comment on their favourite.

“The new Royal Alberta Museum belongs to all Albertans,” said Ray Danyluk, Minister of Infrastructure. “It represents who we are, have been and will be. This is why it’s important Albertans get an opportunity to see what their new museum may look like and to share their comments on the designs with us.”

The designs, submitted by the four design-build teams shortlisted to participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) stage of the project, have been posted on Alberta Infrastructure’s website at www.infrastructure.alberta.ca/3688.htm. Albertans are invited to view and comment on the designs until August 24.

“The exterior design of the new Royal Alberta Museum must be such as to compel Albertans and our guests to visit and experience the facility for the first time,” said Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit. “Inside, the province’s treasures and the spirit of discovery will spark their desire to return time and again.”

Public comments received via the website will be collected and submitted to an expert review panel along with the project proposals submitted by each design-build team. The expert review panel will evaluate the design-build teams and their proposals based on design, ability to deliver the project, and on the best value offered for the budget. The successful design-build team and their design for the new Royal Alberta Museum will be announced in September.

Members of the review panel include: Gary Campbell, Project Fairness Commissioner; Simon Farbrother, City Manager, City of Edmonton; Marla Daniels, President, Friends of Royal Alberta Museum; Erin McDonald, President, Board of Directors, Alberta Museums Association; John Neilson, Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada; Dr. Nancy Pollock-Ellwand, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary; and Alberta government representatives from the ministries involved with the project.

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