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Public consultation for the Central Library begins June 10

Now that the Central Library has been approved by HRM and the architects have been hired, the next step in the process is the designing of the library. To help guide the design, the community is being consulted through a series of public meetings.

“This is the most important public building to be built in the downtown in a generation,” said George Cotaras, lead architect with Fowler, Bauld & Mitchell. “This public consultation process is a huge opportunity for everyone to shape the future of our city.”

Fowler Bauld & Mitchell (FBM) — who have been practising architecture in Atlantic Canada since 1917— will be the lead team on the design of the library. FBM is partnering with Schmidt Hammer Lassen, a highly-regarded European firm with a reputation of creating sustainable and innovative public buildings. Schmidt Hammer Lassen has designed libraries and public spaces of similar scope in Denmark, the U.K., Norway and Sweden.

“This is a building that is going to change the face of Halifax and reflect the aspirations and dreams of the community. It will be a cultural hub, a space and place to gather and a source of pride,” said Cotaras.

The consultation phase is part of the total \$55-million budget for the Central Library project. The public consultation meetings will run from June 10 to September 30. On November 4, a design concept will be presented at a public meeting.

The first public meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 10**, from **7-9 p.m.** at the **Dalhousie Student Union Building**, in the McInnes Room (6136 University Ave.). Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. for coffee, tea, displays and music from a duo from Symphony Nova Scotia. Library staff will provide stories, games and activities for children ages three and up.

For more information about the Central Library, visit halifaxcentrallibrary.ca For those unable to attend the public meetings, input about the Central Library can be given via Facebook, Twitter (@hfxpublib), by e-mail at central@halifaxpubliclibraries.ca or in person at any branch.

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