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## **Final Bridge Designs Available To Calgarians**

*CMLC posts finalists' submissions online*

*Calgary...* Calgarians will have their voice heard on what new bridge spans the Bow River as the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) has posted the three final designs for St. Patrick's Bridge online for public comment. The bridge will be an important pedestrian and cyclist connection into the East Village from the north side of the Bow River as well as a critical step in revitalizing St. Patrick's Island and transforming the island into a unique public space for Calgary.

"We felt it was tremendously important to give Calgarians the opportunity to review the final submissions and share their thoughts with us. We've worked to keep our process open and transparent since day one and we continue to encourage people to be a part of it," said Chris Ollenberger, President and CEO of the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation.

The three final proposals from ARUP and Falco Schmitt Architects of London, England, British Columbia based firms Buckland and Taylor Ltd. and Kitchell, and RFR and Halsall from Paris and Calgary respectively, were chosen from an international field of 33 last November. Although the final submissions are posted on the CMLC web site, the architectural teams will not present to the CMLC Advisory Committee until February 26<sup>th</sup>. However, each of the finalists will participate in a public presentation and discussion at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre on February 25, 2010.

"All three of our finalists have presented magnificent designs that are both functional and compliment the natural beauty of the river," said Ollenberger, "But each has a unique vision for the bridge. I hope Calgarians will take the opportunity to RSVP to the public presentation later this month, hear from the architect teams directly and ask a few questions."

The new bridge will connect a renewed East Village to St. Patrick's Island and will enable new connections to communities like Bridgeland and Inglewood, and to key amenities in the area like the Calgary Zoo and the river pathway system.

The bridge construction will be the first step forward for St. Patrick's Island which will also see new public amenities like beach fronts, a festival space and walking paths. Each of the design submissions have a different project cost and all of the designs are expected to be within the approximately \$25 million budget, from design to construction.

The final submitted designs can be found on the CMLC web site at [www.calgarymlc.ca/Rivers District/St. Patrick's Bridge/Final Submissions](http://www.calgarymlc.ca/RiversDistrict/St.Patrick'sBridge/FinalSubmissions).

Those who wish to attend the public presentation of the bridge designs are asked to email CMLC to confirm their seat via [RSVP@calgarymlc.ca](mailto:RSVP@calgarymlc.ca). Space is limited and an RSVP email is required for entry.

CMLC is working towards developing the East Village into a vibrant community that is well integrated into the downtown core. Some of the major projects of the East Village Master Plan include the creation of the Riverwalk and the restoration of four heritage buildings within the East Village. To learn more about the East Village redevelopment project, visit [www.calgarymlc.ca](http://www.calgarymlc.ca).

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