

A new era begins for St. Lawrence Market

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The search is officially on with an international architectural design competition for the St. Lawrence Market's north building launched Nov. 12. According to officials, the north building at 92 Front St. E. no longer meets the needs of Market vendors, shoppers and the community, due to its lack of building amenities. The strategy to redevelop the north market property was approved by Toronto city council in November 2008.

The city's redevelopment strategy is to replace the existing 1-storey North Market building with a new

multi-storey, multi-purpose building of 11,237 square metres above grade, that will continue to host the established Saturday Farmers' Market and Sunday Antiques Market. Space for courtrooms and administrative offices for Toronto court services and a 250-space underground parking garage will also be part of the new building. It is expected to be completed and operating in 2014, at an estimated construction cost of \$58.1 million.

"We're looking for the best creative minds in architecture to replace the underused, single-storey North Market building with a new 4-storey, continued page 9