



## Vancouver Art Gallery Vancouver, BC

A desire to rebrand art's elitist image has driven the design for a new, more accessible and environmentally-sustainable Vancouver Art Gallery. The new building will expand community services and education programs, showcase less-conventional media such as digital art, and enhance the city's reputation as a destination for contemporary art.

Still in the early preliminary design phase, Fast + Epp contributed to the structural design of the gallery's 11-storey main tower and lower building, with two levels of below-ground parking. The design features stacked rectangular volumes, a number of which dramatically cantilever out from the central core by as much as 12 metres. Lower floors will promote transparency, with floor-to-ceiling glazing to engage the street.

The architects are exploring the possibility of using glass and wood for the facade as a nod to British Columbia's timber-rich heritage. The proposed programming will more than double the footprint of existing exhibition space and prioritize social gathering spaces such as a 350-seat theatre, courtyard, rooftop sculpture garden and library.

### Fast + Epp

Status  
In-progress

Project Cost  
\$350 million

Area  
311,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (28,892 m<sup>2</sup>)

Architect  
Herzog & De Meuron Architects  
and Perkins & Will

Client  
The Vancouver Art Gallery Association

