

**Antigonish architects picked for Pictou library design work | The Chronicle Herald
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An Antigonish County architectural company has been selected to create the first design phase of the Pictou public library.

Archibald and Fraser Architects Ltd. will bring its design resume to the project after it was chosen from among 10 bidders, according to a news release from the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

“We’ve carefully and thoughtfully reviewed each of the 10 proposals received from the request for proposals,” Coun. Cam Beaton, the library committee chairman, said in the release.

“There’s tremendous architectural talent in Nova Scotia, but in the end the final decision was based on previous success in library design, energy sustainability experience, a proven ability to work within a highly intensive public consultation process, and price.”

Archibald and Fraser designed the Antigonish town and county library, known as the People’s Place, along with other public buildings in Nova Scotia and along the Pictou waterfront.

The Pictou library will be joined to the deCoste Centre.

The first step will be to assess the deCoste Centre for options locating a library on the property, the release said, followed by public consultation.

When information is gathered and combined with design expertise, deCoste Centre and library staff will assess designs and construction costs.

“Like other new library projects around the province, this can really act as a catalyst for growth in the Town of Pictou and the surrounding area,” Beaton said.

“Public libraries today are vibrant community gathering and learning spaces, and we have the benefit of partnering with the deCoste, a tremendously successful performance theatre. It’s a winning combination.”