

NEWS RELEASE

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City of Nanaimo accepting proposals from indigenous artists

Art project planned for Colliery Dam spillway

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is seeking proposals for artwork that celebrates the rich cultural histories and continuing presence of indigenous peoples in the place now known as Colliery Dam Park.

Artists are asked to submit proposals that demonstrate imaginations, originality, excellence and artist merit considering the site's location, context and audience. There are other factors to consider including resistance to year-round weather conditions and safety in a high traffic public space.

Once a successful proponent has been chosen, a Selection Committee and City staff will work with with the artist(s) to determine the best artwork for the application in keeping with the Coastal Salish design.

Strategic Link: Cultural Vitality: Promoting Nanaimo's arts, creativity, heritage, cultural traditions and community wellness.

Key Points

- Bid submissions are due by 3:00 pm Pacific Time on September 15, 2017 to the Purchasing Department, 2020 Labieux Road. Late submissions will not be considered.
- There will be a question and answer drop in session held on August 17 from 3 to 5 pm in the upper floor lounge of the Nanaimo Ice Centre (750 Third Street).
- This opportunity is open to established professional artists.
- The artwork being sought will be incorporated into the Colliery Dam Spillway.

Quotes

"We look forward to receiving creative proposals from local artists which will celebrate the important cultural value of the Colliery Dam site. "

Chris Sholberg
Culture/Heritage Planner
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The Colliery Dam Auxiliary Spillway was completed in the Spring of 2016.
- The design consists of a 13.8 meter wide concrete labyrinth weir that leads into a concrete channel and, ultimately, into a natural steam channel. There is a bridge and walkway that cross over the weir and allow for public viewing.
- Since 2010, the City has been involved in a dynamic and evolving public art program that enhances and animates our City's parks.

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