

## NEWS RELEASE

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### 2016 Temporary Public Art Selections Approved

*Council approves nine new pieces of temporary public art for 2016*

#### Summary

On January 18, 2016, Council approved nine new pieces of public art as part of the 2015 Temporary Public Art Program. A total of 39 submissions were received from a variety of artists and teams across Canada in response to a "Call for Artists" issued by the City of Nanaimo Purchasing Department. The pieces will be installed throughout the City in May of 2016 as part of Public Art Week. The nine approved pieces are:

THE CORE – Bryan Faubert  
CEREBRUM DIGITALIS – Maggie Wouterloot  
L-O-V-E BIRD – Mia Tremblay & Craig Lambie  
DRIFTWOOD – Scott Gillies  
KELP STRUCTURE – Angellos Glaros  
CARVED PANEL – William Good  
SALMON ON THE BRIDGE – Laura Timmermans  
THE PORTHOLE – Victoria Drakeford  
PASSAGE – Labspace Studio

Since 2010, the City of Nanaimo has been involved in a dynamic and evolving temporary public art program that enhances and animates our City's parks. Each year, outdoor artwork is installed on a temporary basis for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. City parks and spaces essentially become outdoor art galleries and showcase artworks for a limited period of time.

*Strategic Link:* Public art helps animate our public places and spaces, making them more welcoming, attractive, and contributing to cultural vitality. These pieces will engage and draw residents and visitors to Nanaimo's parks, making their visit more interesting and enjoyable.

#### Key Points

- On January 18, 2016, Council approved nine new pieces of public art as part of the 2016 Temporary Public Art Program.
- The pieces will be installed in City parks and spaces in May 2016, as part of Public Art Week.
- The City of Nanaimo's Public Art Inventory currently includes 166 pieces of art.

#### Quotes

"Public art enhances community and place, celebrating our past, present and future. Community members are constantly commenting on how public art adds visual interest and vibrancy to our public spaces."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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