

NEWS RELEASE

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2015 Temporary Outdoor Public Art Selections Approved

Council approves seven new pieces of temporary outdoor public art for 2015

Summary

On January 19, 2015, Council approved seven new pieces of public art as part of the 2015 Temporary Outdoor Public Art Program. A total of seventeen 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 2015 as part of Public Art Week. The seven successfully approved pieces are:

Hollowed Tree - Ron Hart, Michael Futege
Coming Soon - Jason Gress
Embarking - Marc Walter
Tall Crabs - Michael Truelove
INFRA Wolf - Tonya Hart
Dancing Eagle - Joel Good
Solstice - Elizabeth Wellburn, Sam Houston, Deryk Houston

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 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 19, 2015, Council approved seven new pieces of public art as part of the 2015 Temporary Outdoor Public Art Program.
- The pieces will be installed in City parks in May 2015, as part of Public Art Week.

Quotes

"Public art enhances community and place, celebrating our past, present and future."

Bill McKay
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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