

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## City Seeking Proposals for Temporary Outdoor Art program

Nanaimo, BC (September 18, 2017) – The City of Nanaimo is now taking proposals for its 2018 Temporary Outdoor Art program. The call is open to all artists, amateur or professional, who live in Canada. Those interested may submit a proposal by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17.

"Public art plays an important role in our public history and evolving culture with its ability to reflect and reveal our society, adding meaning to our City and uniqueness to our community," Chris Barfoot, City of Nanaimo Culture & Heritage Coordinator said, "the Temporary Outdoor Art program continues to grow and adds perspective to our already beautiful waterfront and parks."

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

The Temporary Outdoor Art program supports "Cultural Vitality" through promoting Nanaimo's arts, heritage, cultural traditions and community wellness within the community to make Nanaimo a distinctive place to live, work and play.

For information on how to submit a proposal, visit the Bid Opportunities page on the City website and search for Competition 2050, "Temporary Outdoor Art".

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