

NEWS RELEASE

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City of Nanaimo celebrates Public Art Week, May 19 to 25

Ten new pieces of temporary art to be installed in City parks & public spaces

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is celebrating Public Art Week from May 19 to 25, 2019. Ten new pieces of temporary art were approved for 2019 and will be installed in City parks and public spaces in anticipation of Public Art Week. Over the course of the week, residents are encouraged to explore and celebrate the collection of public art found throughout Nanaimo.

Join us on Friday, May 24 at 2:30 pm at the Spirit Square in Maffeo Sutton Park to meet some of the participating artists.

The following artworks will be installed:

- * OUT FROM OUT WHERE by Bryan Faubert (installed)
- * SPRING by Clasina Van Bommel (installed)
- * THE RAVEN'S KEY by Fred Dobbs
- * OCEAN IN MOTION by Fred Dobbs (installed)
- * THE CONVERSATION BENCH by Samuel Camp (installed)
- * EXHAUSTED TREE by George Sabra
- * TRANSITIONS by Angellos Glaros (installed)
- * IMPERMANENCE by Maije Lavergne (installed)
- * LEAP by Marc Walter (installed)
- * FISH WHEEL by Trinita Waller

Public art is created by artists for public sites. It increases sense of place for individual neighbourhoods and the city as a whole. Some art pieces are permanent (such as "Pacific Sails" on the Harbourfront Walkway), and others are temporary. Public art energizes public spaces, promotes thinking and debate, and transforms the places we live, work and play into a more welcoming and beautiful setting.

How will you celebrate Public Art Week?

Strategic Link: Public Art Week furthers the goals of the Cultural Vitality (Creativity, Diversity, Heritage and Innovation) pillar of the City's Strategic Plan by promoting ongoing investment in public art.

Key Points

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- Residents are encouraged to explore and celebrate the collection of public art found throughout our City.

Quotes

"This program is always such a popular draw for residents and citizens alike. We hope that everyone has a chance to check out these new temporary public art pieces in downtown Nanaimo."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

"These artworks animate City parks and the public realm on a short-term basis. Public art enriches the community and not only stimulates a response in the viewer, but has the potential to be a catalyst for community dialogue."

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