

NEWS RELEASE

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City seeks new members for Art in Public Spaces Working Group

The Art in Public Spaces Working Group offers expertise in advancement of the City's public art programs

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is seeking applications for membership on its 2026 - 2028 Art in Public Spaces Working Group. The Working Group consists of up to five individuals who are appointed by City Council to serve as knowledgeable volunteers for a two year term, helping to advance the City's public art program. Applicants will be considered for their demonstrated knowledge and experience in the field of public art and creative placemaking.

The purpose of the Art in Public Spaces Working Group is:

- To collaborate to advance priorities articulated in City plans and policies, including the City Plan: Nanaimo Reimagined (2022), and subheadings under C4, as well as subsequent updates by providing input grounded in best practice, on future policy development.
- To provide both strategic and technical advice as required, and act as a resource on matters relating to art in public spaces.
- To champion the role of artists and creative practitioners as professionals and promote processes and policies that support the livelihood and well-being of the creative economy.
- To promote awareness and understanding of the public value of art in the City and its potential roles in the public realm.
- To contribute community-based knowledge related to equity, diversity and accessibility priorities.

To be eligible, applicants must reside or work in Nanaimo or Regional District of Nanaimo, and have demonstrated experience in aspects of visual art. Applicants may represent a variety of professions with expertise in public art, including: artists, arts administrators, art historians, art conservators, educators, curators, landscape architects, design professionals, architects, Indigenous cultural knowledge keepers.

The deadline for applications is Jan. 25, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. For information and details on how to apply, visit [the City's website](#).

Strategic Link: The Art in Public Spaces Working Group aligns with the goals of the City of Nanaimo's City Plan by facilitating opportunities for the public to encounter art and culture in public spaces throughout the city and as part of their daily experiences.

Key Points

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Quotes

"Members of the Art in Public Spaces Working Group play an essential role in guiding how the City integrates art into its public spaces. Their expertise helps us champion artists, foster creative placemaking, and make public art accessible and meaningful to all residents."

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