
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 26, 2001
File No.: 7800-01
To: City Manager
From: Director of Planning & Development Services
Subject: 2001 Public Art Committee Report

RECOMMENDATION

THAT City Council receive the 2001 report of the Public Art Committee dated November 26, 2001 for information.

BACKGROUND

The volunteer Public Art Committee continues to work energetically toward its goal of "increasing the livability and artistic richness of the community, and stimulating the growth of arts and arts-related businesses through the provision of public art".

Currently the membership of the Committee stands at ten, and consists of:

Paul Skutshek, Chairman	
Robert Belton	Fern Helfand
Michael Griffin	Don McIntosh
Gordon Hartley	Dona Moore
Doug Kirk	Roxane Wyma
Shaida Langley	

There is one vacancy and efforts will be made to fill it in 2002. Staff support is provided by the Special Projects Planning Manager with assistance from Planning, Leisure Services and Civic Properties as required.

ACTIVITIES

This year, four pieces of art were commissioned, all for installation in 2002.

1. Tree Grates by Crystal Pryzbille
A custom tree grate design was commissioned in 2000. After working with both artist and foundry pattern-maker, a proto-type grate is now in place at the corner of Water and Clement near the Art Gallery. The iron grate will weather over the winter, and a dedication ceremony may be planned to coincide with other Cultural District activities in the spring. The custom grate is proposed for extensive use throughout the City's Town

Centres and in Kelowna's Cultural District wherever new trees are proposed. Value of design and custom pattern is \$8,500.

2. H2O by Philip and Kirsty Robbins

The Committee worked jointly with the Athans Aquatic Centre Building Committee and the architect from the early stages of project design to ensure that the public art is well integrated with the form and function of the space. H2O is a simple but graphic design, based on the water molecule, that will enliven the lobby entrance floor tiles as well as the glass walls visible from the pool and change room area. The total value of the work is \$42,000. It is anticipated to be completed in December 2001.

3. Fruit Stand by Glen Anderson and Tom Thomas

This is a series of concrete and mosaic tile fruit images to embellish the existing concrete benches along the Artwalk connecting the Library to the Rotary Arts Centre. This \$85,000 commission is the first of several proposed for Kelowna's Cultural District. Installation is scheduled for the spring of 2002.

4. Dancing Pedestrians by Jock Hildebrand

The Committee was pleased that the Bank of Montreal was willing to partner with the City to provide a substantial piece of public art on the corner adjacent to its new downtown branch. The two piece abstract bronze sculpture will enhance the high profile pedestrian area. The former fountain was demolished and new footings for the sculpture were prepared through the bank's construction process and as part of their contribution. The commission is valued at \$70,000. Installation of the piece is anticipated for the summer of 2002.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Committee is looking forward to a busy year in 2002. The Okanagan Thompson Sculpture Symposium (OTISS) is planned to take place from May to August. The City of Kelowna has supported this valley wide initiative through the Festivals Fund and the Public Art Fund. Four outstanding international artists will be commissioned to produce works on location for permanent installation within Kelowna's Cultural District. The Public Art Committee is working with OTISS and city staff to identify temporary working sites and permanent locations for the sculptures.

The Committee is looking to acquire suitable pieces of public art to enhance priority sites wherever the opportunity arises. The Committee's Terms of Reference allow for acquisition of public art through open competition, limited competition, direct selection and the acceptance of gifts or donations. The Committee intends to pursue all of these means for enhancing the City's collection of public art, having in mind the highest and best use of the Public Art Fund.

Since the inception of the Public Art Program the City has been open to partnering and cost sharing with the private sector. An opportunity has been identified within the Mission District Park, and the Committee is excited about the potential that this offers. Working with the Art Gallery (through its "B" status, which increases donor tax incentives) the Public Art Committee may be able to recommend sites for significant pieces that would otherwise not be available for the enjoyment of the public.

Priorities for public art identified for commissions in 2002 include:

Rutland Transit Centre
Queensway Transit Mall
Rotary Arts Centre
Parkinson Recreation Centre
Waterways
Gateways

BUDGET PROJECTIONS

In order to carry out the Committee's proposed initiatives, the following budget projections attached as Schedule A are presented for Council's consideration. While it is anticipated that budget commitments will be revised as new opportunities present themselves, this budget planning process will enable the Committee to chart a fiscally responsible, realistically achievable course.

CONCLUSION

The Committee thanks Council for the opportunity to contribute to the artistic enhancement of our community, and appreciates Council's willingness to accept Committee recommendations on artistic matters.

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Approved for inclusion

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Director of Planning and Development Services

Schedule A: City of Kelowna Public Art Committee 5 Year Budget Projections

/FISCAL ITEM/	1 1998	2 1999	3 2000	4 2001	SUB TOTAL 1	5 2002	6 2003	7 2004	8 2005
Library	\$				\$				
	40,000.00				40,000.00				
Airpt Atrium	\$	\$			\$				
	20,000.00	10,000.00			30,000.00				
Com.Theatre	\$	\$			\$				
	13,500.00	1,500.00			15,000.00				
Art Wk 2000	\$	\$	\$		\$			\$	\$
	12,500.00	48,500.00	24,000.00		85,000.00			20,000.00	10,000.00
BenLeePark					\$		\$		
					-		20,000.00		
S. Pan. TC		\$			\$				
		20,000.00			20,000.00				
Water Street				\$	\$				
				50,000.00	50,000.00				
Rutland TC					\$	\$	\$		
					-	10,000.00	20,000.00		
Transit Mall					\$	\$		\$	
					-	20,000.00		25,000.00	
Tree Grates			\$		\$				
			8,500.00		8,500.00				
Arts Centre					\$	\$			
					-	35,000.00			
Athans			\$	\$	\$				
			20,000.00	25,000.00	45,000.00				
Parkinson					\$	\$			
					-	30,000.00			
Mission Dist Pk							\$		
							40,000.00		
OTISS	\$	\$			\$				
	12,000.00	6,000.00			18,000.00				
Waterways					\$	\$		\$	\$
					-	9,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00
Gateways					\$	\$	\$	\$	
					-	9,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Sm. Projects			\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
			7,500.00	20,000.00	27,500.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Acquisitions		\$	\$		\$			\$	\$
		14,000.00	40,000.00		54,000.00			10,000.00	10,000.00
Jim Stuart					\$				\$
					-				50,000.00
Assoc. Exp.	\$				\$				
	2,000.00				2,000.00				
Unallocated				\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
				18,000.00	18,000.00		3,000.00	8,000.00	13,000.00
Totals	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$133,000	\$413,000	\$113,000	\$133,000	\$113,000	\$113,000

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