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## CITY OF KELOWNA

# MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** December 17, 2003  
**File No.:** 7800-01  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Director of Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** 2003 Public Art Committee Report

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### RECOMMENDATION

THAT City Council receive the 2003 report of the Public Art Committee dated December 17, 2003 for information.

### BACKGROUND

The year 2003 was an eventful one for the volunteer Public Art Committee. The Committee saw the addition of five new members at the beginning of the year, and the resignation of one member mid-year due to time commitments (Doug Kirk).

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

Paul Skutshek, Chairman	
Susan Belton	Judy Burns
Larry Foster	Don McIntosh
Gordon Hartley	Dona Moore
Gary Pearson	Barbara Rhodes
Peter Werner	

Staff support is provided by the Special Projects Planning Manager with assistance from Planning, Leisure Services and Civic Properties as required.

### ACTIVITIES

This year, one piece of art was installed and three competitions were held through the Public Art Program in 2003: Timeline / Waterline, along the Abbott Street linear corridor north of Beach, was commissioned from Philip and Kirsty Robbins at a cost of \$22,000. It was installed in August, and a dedication was to have been held on September 13, 2003, but that event was postponed until spring because of the Okanagan Mountain Park fire.

The Public Art Committee also held a competition to produce graphic images for the wayfinding signage project being implemented for the Downtown, Cultural District, Waterfront, City Park

and Heritage areas. David James Pacholko was selected from sixteen graphic artists to produce six images at a cost of \$6000. This project has been coordinated by Planning, with input from Civic Properties and Transportation. The signs are currently being fabricated for installation, and kiosks are being designed for installation next year.

Two other competitions have been held to commission artworks for the Mission District Park sports facility and Stuart Park.

Since the inception of the Public Art Program in late 1997, sixteen pieces of public art (mostly sculpture) have been added to the City's collection. In 2003, the committee commissioned the Conservation Lab of the Kelowna Museum to develop a maintenance manual that outlines specific requirements for each piece. While ease of maintenance and durability in a public place are key criteria in the selection of artwork, this manual ensures that the pro-active work necessary to maintain the public art inventory is undertaken in a prudent, cost effective manner. Civic Properties now has the schedule of maintenance for each art piece and have submitted a budget for this in their 2004 budget submission.

### FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Committee is looking forward to a busy year in 2004. 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. The Committee is also open to working with other groups such as the Fire Recovery Society to offer any assistance that may be appropriate on a commemorative piece.

The Public Art Committee is open to partnering and cost sharing with the private sector. 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 2004 include:

Ben Lee Park  
Rutland Town Centre  
Commemorative (2005 Centennial) Sculpture (planning)  
Birthday Celebration work (planning)  
Transit Mall

Other opportunities are currently being explored by the Public Art Committee and may be added in 2004.

### OTHER CHANGES

The year 2004 will see corporate responsibility for the Public Art program transferred from Planning and Corporate Services to Parks and Leisure Services. With the development of the Cultural District and the establishment of a full time position as City Wide Cultural Services Supervisor, the timing is right for Public Art to become part of this growing initiative.

## 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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Special Projects Planning Manager

Approved for inclusion

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Director of Planning and Corporate Services

## Public Art Committee Budget Five Year Period Ending 2002

<b>/FISCAL ITEM/</b>	<b>1 1998</b>	<b>2 1999</b>	<b>3 2000</b>	<b>4 2001</b>	<b>5 2002</b>	<b>SUB TOTAL 1</b>
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
S. Pan. TC		\$ 20,000.00				\$ 20,000.00
Water Street				\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
Tree Grates			\$ 8,500.00			\$ 8,500.00
Arts Centre					\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Athans			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 45,000.00
Parkinson					\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Mission Dist Pk			<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,500.00</b>
OTISS	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 25,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
Abbott Street					\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Rutland TC					\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Waterways						<b>\$ -</b>
Gateways						<b>\$ -</b>
Sm. Projects						<b>\$ -</b>
Acquisitions		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 65,000.00
Assoc. Exp.	\$ 2,000.00					\$ 2,000.00
Unallocated						<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$113,000.00</b>	<b>\$113,000.00</b>	<b>\$526,000.00</b>

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## Public Art Committee Budget Five Year Period Ending 2007

	carryover	6 2003	7 2004	8 2005	9 2006	10 2007	SUB TOTAL 2
Parkinson Mission Dist Pk	\$42,500.00*	\$ 37,500.00			\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
BenLeePark		\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 20,000.00		\$ 57,500.00
Rutland TC		\$ 20,000.00					\$ 40,000.00
Transit Mall			\$ 25,000.00				\$ 20,000.00
Art Walk 2004/5			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 25,000.00
Waterways			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 30,000.00
Gateways					\$ 20,000.00		\$ 60,000.00
Birthday			\$ 25,000.00				\$ 20,000.00
Mission Greenway							\$ 25,000.00
Sm. Projects			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 30,000.00
Acquisitions			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
Jim Stuart				\$ 50,000.00			\$ 50,000.00
Unallocated		\$ 20,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$113,000.00	\$ 172,500.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 113,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 113,000.00</b>	<b>\$113,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 113,000.00</b>	<b>\$113,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 565,000.00</b>

\*included in previous 5 year period

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