# William R. Bennett Bridge Public Art Project

Report to Council November 10, 2008

## **Project Objectives**

- Strong visual presence
- Visual appeal day / night / 4 seasons
- Express a sense of place and identity
- Compliment the bridge design
- No distraction or hazard
- Environmentally sustainable design

## **Project Themes**

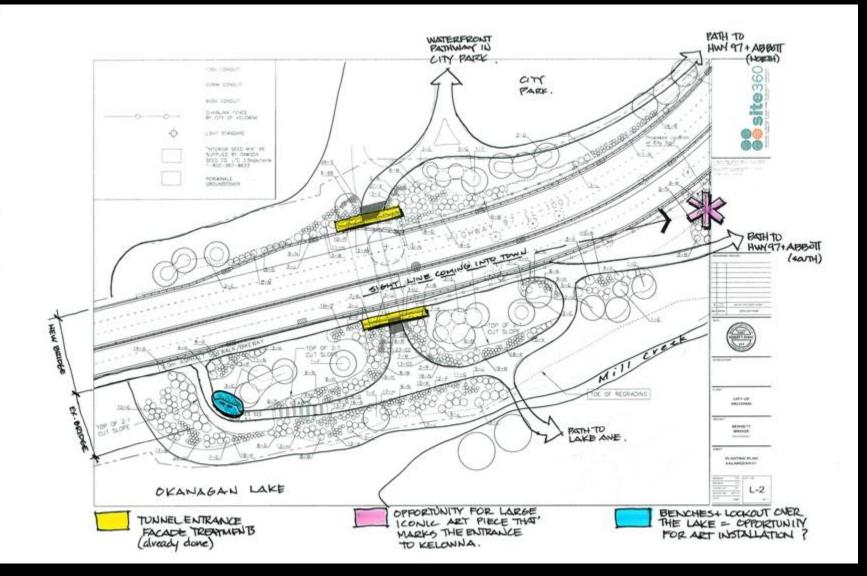
- Gateway to Kelowna
- Connecting communities and cultures
- Relationship between community and natural environment (lake, shoreline)
- History of the lake crossing

### Art installation sites

### Location 1

- primary site adjacent to roadway
- suitable for large sculptural work

- secondary site adjacent to tunnel pathway and viewpoint
- suitable for interpretive elements / panels





### RFP & Selection Process

- \$200,000 budget
  - \$40,000 from MOT + \$160,000 from accumulated Public Art Reserve
- 170 inquiries
- 19 proposals
- 3 artists shortlisted
- Review by Public Art Committee, MOT, Parks Division and Emil Anderson Construction

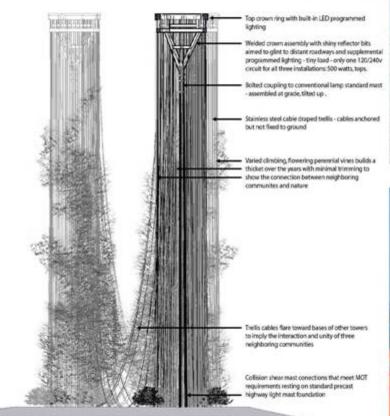
### **Shortlisted Proposal 1**

Dwight Atkinson, Vancouver

'Three Communities Sharing Nature'

The Tower Triad: three towers metaphorically express the relationship of three related communities and nature through a " growing together" of living vines producing an annual celebratory burst of blooming colour.







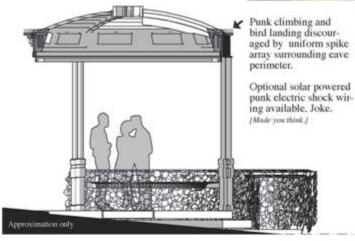


Sectional Elevation

#### The Temple:

A quiet, spiritual place to consider Kelowna's past and future at leisure.

Sit, read, think and gaze along the lake.



segmented root

dome will present

silhouette scenes of

nautical engineering





#### The Temple Roof:

Sketches adjacent left only approximate the complex interleaving of structure, text and silhouettes that will tell the story of nautical and civil engineering developed in Kelowna used on Okanagan Lake.

Each of the three roof segments will provide silhouette artwork with text and details related to each community neighbour in meticulous waterjet imagery.

Finish: Galvanized metal

#### The Temple Base:

This open structure minimizes spraypaint opportunities and other insults, addressing CPTED guidelines for clear sight in all directions.

Suspended seating: vertical bench elements do not provide a spray or scratch opportunity.

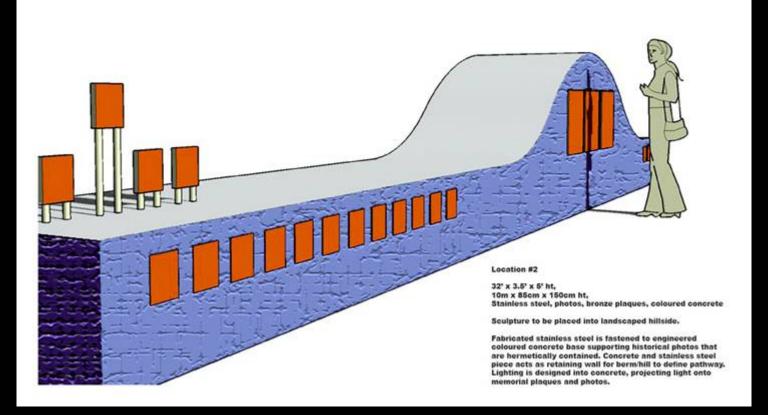
Finish: Galvanized metal.

History medallion: will summarize regional nautical and engineering matters. Cast aluminum.

### Shortlisted Proposal 2

Byron Johnston, Kelowna





## Shortlisted Proposal 3

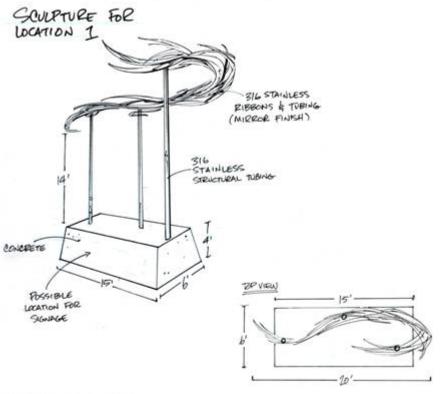
ie Creative Artworks
(Cheryl Hamilton & Michael Vandermeer)
Vancouver

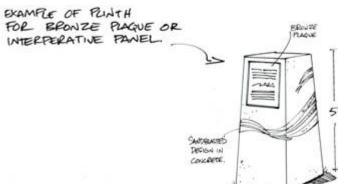
'Spirit'

### Artist's Inspiration Images and Sketches for "Spirit"









## Location 1 revised

City of Kelowna

WRB Bennett Bridge Competition

August, 2008



### Location 2 revised

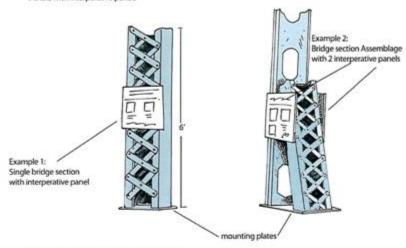
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Plinths with interperative panels



Bridge sections will be sandblasted and painted.

There will be 2 "Example 1" plinths Holding 2 metal panels each and 1 "Example 2" plinth holding 3 metal panels. (7 total) Each Metal panel can hold 2 of the Historic Info panels. (Each Historic Info Panel sized at 9"H x 12W") (18"H x 12"W total)

# i.e. creative Artworks portfolio





