

Call for Artists: Skw̓xwú7mesh Nation Art Installation

The Squamish Public Library invites artists from the Skw̓xwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation to submit designs for a permanent vinyl window covering for the front of the library building and the children's area. The Squamish Public Library recognizes and acknowledges its location on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation, and wants to further acknowledge the art, tradition, culture, and land of the Squamish Nation through this public-facing art installation.



Windows at front of library building
(facing Second Avenue to the east & Municipal
Hall to the north).



Windows at children's area
(facing Municipal Hall to the north).

Background

The windows of the library offer the opportunity for a large-scale showcase of local art, visible to library patrons, passersby, and the hundreds of people who use Squamish Transit. The final frosted vinyl design will also be visible from the inside of the building, and provide UV protection while continuing to allow natural light to pass into the building.

The intention is for the artwork of a Squamish Nation artist to publicly and permanently acknowledge the library's location on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation. This art commission aims to celebrate the art, traditions, culture, and land of the Squamish Nation through the unique vision of the artist. Use of Squamish language is welcome in design submissions.

This public art project is made possible by a Community Arts & Culture Enhancement Grant from the Squamish Arts Council and capital funding from the District of Squamish.

Details

- Window design to cover no more than ~60-75% of the total available space, excluding top row of window.
- Approximate dimensions (excluding top row): front windows are 47' L x 6' H, front wraparound windows are 15' L x 6' H, children's area windows are 17' L x 6' H. Artist will be required to confirm exact dimensions.
- Design will be printed on cut-out frosted vinyl in monochrome white/grey. The design should feel like an integrated part of the building and still allow for some visibility through the windows.
- Acknowledgement and information about the art and artist will be installed along with window covering.
- Artist will be paid \$5,400 for digital file of their commissioned work. The Library will arrange for the production and installation of the final product, and can provide support with scanning and digitizing, if needed.

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 5:00 pm.

Anticipated Timeline

1. Call for Artists released: October 15, 2020
2. Submission deadline: December 15, 2020
3. Successful artist announced: Week of January 11, 2021
4. Installation: Spring 2021

Budget

The budget for this project is \$5,400, the total of which will go to the successful applicant. The Library will cover all costs relating to the printing and installation of the window covering.

Submission Requirements

The following materials must be provided in pdf, or as a physical copy:

- A brief summary about yourself (~1 paragraph)
- A brief summary about your proposed work (~1 paragraph)
- Images of proposed work
- Up to 3 images of previous work
- Contact information

How to Apply

Artists are encouraged to make an appointment to see the building in person. Contact Rachel at rbergquist@squamish.ca to book an appointment.

All proposals must be submitted to rbergquist@squamish.ca or dropped off at the Library (37907 Second Avenue) by Tuesday, December 15, 5:00pm. Only one submission will be accepted per artist. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel at rbergquist@squamish.ca.

Selection Process

Submissions received by Tuesday, December 15, 5:00 pm will be reviewed by a selection committee of Library staff and the Director of Library Services. The final decision will have the support of Squamish Nation Elders. The successful artist will be announced the week of January 11, 2021.



Terms and Conditions

Interested artists are advised that the Squamish Public Library is not obliged to select any artist or accept any of the artists' proposals and may reject all proposals. Each artist is advised, and by the submission of a proposal, agrees that the Squamish Public Library will not be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses, damages (including damages for loss of anticipated profit) or liabilities incurred by the artist as a result of or arising out of submitting a proposal, or due to the Squamish Public Library's acceptance or non-acceptance of their proposal, or arising out of any contract award not made in accordance with the expressed or implied terms of the artist call. Until a written contract in a form satisfactory to the Squamish Public Library is executed by both the Library and artist, and all necessary insurance coverage is secured, no legal rights or responsibility shall be created between the artist and the Library.

Confidentiality of Submitted Documents

The Library will make every effort to maintain the confidentiality of each application and the information contained therein except to the extent necessary to communicate information to staff for the purposes of evaluation and analysis. The Library will not release any of this information to the public except as required under the Province of British Columbia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act or other legal disclosure process.

Contact

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