

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR ARTIST/S FROM MUSQUEAM NATION  
FOR  
THE DESIGN AND BUILD OF “TRADITIONAL MARKER” HOUSE POST(S)  
FOR  
PEARSON DOGWOOD REDEVELOPMENT (PARCEL B)**

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**ORGANIZATION:**

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is a provincial Health Authority providing health services in the Greater Vancouver, Sea to Sky, Sunshine Coast and Central Coast areas. VCH administers 13 hospitals (amongst other health facilities) including Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) originally named Vancouver City Hospital between 1886 and 1902. VGH is the largest hospital in British Columbia (and second largest in Canada) providing services to over 25,000 overnight patients, 300,000 clinic visits and 100,000 emergency department visits per annum.

**PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:**

Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment wishes to acknowledge that the facility is located on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam Nation through the commissioning of two “Traditional Marker” House Posts to be installed at the entrance of Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment.

Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment is a long-term care home that will address high priority health care needs through the redevelopment of two older residential care facilities, George Pearson Centre and Dogwood Lodge. It will also bring together a number of community programs serving South Vancouver to support local residents with a full range of health services and support.

Vancouver Coastal Health is seeking proposals from artists (selected by a panel of cultural experts from Musqueam Nation) for two Territorial Markers to be carved and then erected at the entrance of Parcel B, where they will be viewed from all sides by passing staff, residents, families, visitors, and passersby.

**POST SPECIFICATIONS:**

- 1) Post Symbolism: Each post will symbolize the new found community that resides in the long term care home through concepts of holistic health, healing and wellness from a Musqueam perspective.
- 2) Post Design: Both posts will be installed around the steel beam in a 360 design, or can be a 1/2 round panel design, or can be 2 panel design installed on the front and back of the beam. Artist(s) may include an image of their design and its installation in their EOI. A base support is provided by the beams but extra stabilization support should be considered in the design. The posts should be weatherproof. It is **mandatory** that the design expresses authenticity in the Musqueam Art form and not the style of other Nations.
- 3) Post Dimensions: 14-feet. Artists may choose to include / add on the cost of acquiring one 14-foot log in their EOI response. See image below for post measurements.



- 4) Post Carving / Construction: Artists will need to organize their own carving shed / area for their log during the build process. Artist(s) will need to organize the delivery of the completed pole, and provide supervised direction of its installment.
- 5) Timeline for Post Completion: Posts will need to be completed within 20 months from approval date and ready for installation. Both pieces will be installed together for a combined unveiling ceremony.

#### **ARTIST SPECIFICATIONS:**

Artists who submit an EOI must:

- 1) Be from / affiliate to Musqueam
- 2) Be willing to build their house post according to the specifications listed

#### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

The successful artist who best aligns with the specifications listed will be chosen by the selection committee. The inclusion of youth mentorship is encouraged. The successful House Post design will be chosen on its artistic merits, traditional storyline and interview process/presentation of idea – the budget will not be the deciding factor in choosing the successful artist.

The committee will be prioritizing the selection of two artists/designs; 1 artist/s for each House Post.

**EOI REQUIREMENTS:**

Interested artists must submit their Expression of Interest in writing which includes the following components:

- An initial concept design (front and back view) in the form of sketches or drawings and associated story which you believe depicts the specifications above, including a statement confirming agreement with the specifications requirements. Add any explanation of other features with your design or process that you want to panel to consider
- Proposed Timeline
- Budget to complete to the state of readiness for installation (If you propose to source/purchase your own log, please include this cost)

**TIMELINE:**

Request for Proposal Due:	November 6, 2020 at 4pm
Decision by Selection Committee:	Late November/Early December 2020
Commencement / Completion:	Start November/December 2020 – complete by January 2022
Proposed 2x Post Installment/ Raising:	February 2022

**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS:**

During this time of physical distancing, we encourage submissions to be emailed to

Musqueam Protocol, [protocol@musqueam.bc.ca](mailto:protocol@musqueam.bc.ca) AND/OR

Musqueam Communications, [communications@musqueam.bc.ca](mailto:communications@musqueam.bc.ca)

Subject: Pearson Dogwood RFP

If email is not an option, submissions can be mailed or delivered to:

Musqueam Indian Band | Attn: Musqueam Protocol & Communications Team

6735 Salish Drive,

Vancouver, BC V6N 2C2

For further information or design-related inquiries, email or call Mack Paul, Protocol Coordinator, Musqueam.

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