



## Call to host Nation Artists and Designers

### **Building Signage and Banner Artwork for Burnaby Village Museum**

City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture

**About the Project:** The City of Burnaby is looking for one artist from a host Nation to create a series of building signs and a banner for the exterior of the Museum's Indigenous Learning House. These artworks will create a cohesive exterior design to match an interior renovation of the Learning House. The City of Burnaby wishes to honour the role of hən̓q̓əmi̓nə́m and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Sníchim speaking peoples as the original stewards of the lands on which the City of Burnaby is now located. The City acknowledges relationship-building and presence as vital in the process of seeking commissioned artwork.

The City invites artists from the host First Nations: x̣ẉməθḳẉəỵəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), sə̣lilwə̣tə̣ł (Tsleil-Waututh), and ḳẉiḳẉə̣ł̣əm (Kwikwetlem) Nations, to respond to this call. The City is commissioning original artwork that reflects the character and meaning of these lands and the host Nations' connections to them.

The designs are for a series of building signs and a banner which will be part of a renovation to the Museum's Indigenous Learning House, a 450 square foot space where Indigenous educators share Indigenous culture with the public. The building signs are important for wayfinding and must feature the building's name in three languages: English, hən̓q̓əmi̓nə́m and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Sníchim. The artwork will need to match the exterior paint colours that have been selected. The goal of this project is to offer maximum visibility to Coast Salish design for those who visit the 10-acre Museum and to draw people to the Indigenous Learning House.

**Artistic Medium(s):** The artwork requested should be scalable colour graphic designs in a vector format.

- Building Signs:
  - 100.5" (w) x 20" (h)
  - 173.5" (w) x 20" (h)
  - 34.5" (w) x 20" (h)
- Banner: wall size approx. 12' x 4' - artwork size – 9' (h) x 3' (w)

### **Context for Creation:**

The City is committed to working with host Nations to find new ways to build and improve relationships between non-Indigenous Canadians and Indigenous communities. The production of a series of Coast Salish artworks that share design and cultural expressions of host Nations will benefit all citizens in Burnaby. hən̓q̓əmi̓nə́m and Sk̓wx̓wú7meshSníchim-speaking peoples are the original stewards of the lands on which the City of Burnaby is now located. The audience for this project will be all citizens of Burnaby, employees of the City of Burnaby, dignitaries and all visitors to the Burnaby Village Museum.

**Burnaby Village Museum - Indigenous Learning House**



Building Signs (x3)

Welcome Banner



**Eligibility:** We invite submissions from all artists from x̱m̱əθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), and ḵw̱iḵw̱əłəm (Kwkwetlem) Nations.

**Artist Fee:** \$5,000 (inclusive of all design) (Production will be undertaken by the City of Burnaby).

**Design Completion by:** December 10, 2024

**Selection Process:** A panel/selection committee will review proposals and select a project:

1. Museum Curator
2. Art Designate
3. Indigenous Knowledge Designate

**Deadline to Apply: October 11 at 11:59pm** Please submit requirements outlined in this document by email, by to [bvm@burnaby.ca](mailto:bvm@burnaby.ca).

**Please include these items in your Proposal:**

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST: A letter of interest no more than two (2) pages that explains why you are interested in this opportunity and/or description about yourself, your goals and related artistic experience you have, and your connection to one of the 4 host Nations on whose unceded territory the City of Burnaby is now located.
2. DIGITAL IMAGES & DESCRIPTIONS: up to a maximum of ten (10) images of past work that relate to this opportunity and feature text/building signage. Please include a corresponding image list in MS Word or PDF format that includes for each image: title, media, dimensions and date completed.
3. A concept design (in physical or digital files), which could also be a hand drawing, of your proposed artwork/design(s). The images should be at highest resolution possible and be able to be shared among the selection committee.

**Anticipated Timeline:**

September 16, 2024	Call to Artists is Open
October 11, 2024	Deadline for Submissions
October 12-16 2024	Selection Panel is convened
October 16, 2024	Selected artist is notified and contracted to begin work
October 16, December 10, 2024	Artwork Created
December 10, 2024	Artwork Completion
December-January, 2025	City of Burnaby fabrication and installation
March 2025	Project Launch

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