

# Call for Musqueam Artists – Indoor Mural for YWCA Child Care Centre

## Project Overview

YWCA BC is seeking a Musqueam artist or artist team to design and install a large indoor mural in the nap room of a child care facility in the new YWCA Cindy Beadie Place. The design will be inspired by the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm name for the facility, xʷp̓i̓p̓q̓əyasəm, which means “place of butterflies” in English. The mural should feel tranquil and calm, to support the intended use of the room, which is for young children to sleep.

## Project Guidelines

- Design and install a mural on a 17.75 ft x 6.4 ft (177 in x 77 in) indoor wall
- Style is calm, relaxing and appropriate for young children
- All materials are safe for indoor use

## Remuneration

The selected artist(s) will receive \$20,000 for the entire mural project, including materials and installation. Payment will be made in full upon completion of the work; however, we are open to discussing and negotiating alternative payment arrangements that best support the artist’s needs.

## Timeline

<b>April 9, 2026</b>	Art call posted
April 30, 2026	Deadline to submit expression of interest
May 6, 2026	Selected artist(s) notified
May 7-24, 2026	Design
May 25-31, 2026	Installation

\*\* Access to the space for installation will be open during business hours and weekend up until May 31<sup>st</sup>. The end of installation is somewhat flexible as the space will open for use on June 1<sup>st</sup> on weekdays, leaving weekends after June 1<sup>st</sup> open for completion (space would need to be cleaned up and able to be used as a daycare on weekdays)

### **What We're Looking For**

A large scale and suitable for the space and conducive to sleeping. Selected artist(s) have creative freedom to bring their own voice, perspective and cultural expression to the work. Their unique interpretation will be central to the project's authenticity and impact.

In addition, we wish to highlight the potential for this project to serve as a collaboration process for Musqueam artists. We encourage artists of differing abilities (established and emerging) to apply together to collaborate on this project. Applicants who apply as a team will score higher. Our intention is to create opportunities for emerging artists to work with mentors who have experience with murals, further supporting them in gaining skills, and building their portfolios.

### **Proposal Submission Guidelines**

Interested artists or artist teams should send an email to Lorraine Evans [levans@ywcabc.org](mailto:levans@ywcabc.org) no later than 5:00PM April 30 2026.

### **About YWCA BC**

YWCA BC is a registered charity, gender equity advocate and community service provider. We deliver affordable housing, early learning and child care, training and employment services, and a range of holistic programs that help support individual, collective and economic wellbeing.

We respectfully acknowledge that our main office and many of our programs are located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy<sup>əm</sup> (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, and that our work across British Columbia spans the territories of more than 200 First Nations. We also acknowledge the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples who live in our communities.