

Call for Artists - Expression of Interest City Centre Library, Children's Area Mural

Submission Deadline: July 29, 2024

Artist Fee: \$4000

The City of Surrey is inviting proposals for murals in the City Centre Library. The City Centre Branch is a LEED-certified building with over 77,000 sq. ft. of space that serves City Centre and the Whalley community.

The murals will be installed in the Children's area, a multi-purpose space used for formal and informal story time, free play, and structured programming. It is a space where children gather, offering friendship, songs, dancing, puppets, play, and laughter. This is a space where children can come to enter another world through story. It is a place of learning, sharing, nurturing, and connecting.

This part of the library has a series of structural columns that will be encased in wood, which will act as a surface for painted murals. The artist will have the freedom to paint from floor to ceiling on all four-sides. Five columns in total will be painted. One artist each from Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo First Nations will be commissioned, plus two artists from the urban Indigenous community living in Surrey.

The artwork should speak to the importance of stories and storytelling.

Who is Eligible?

- Indigenous artists living in Surrey.
- This is a limited, directed call and is not open to all artists.
- Two artists will be chosen for this opportunity.
- Specific selection processes for Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo First Nations will be completed.

What projects will be considered?

- Artwork must be a new and original image
- The design must conform to the technical specifications outlined below

Project Goals

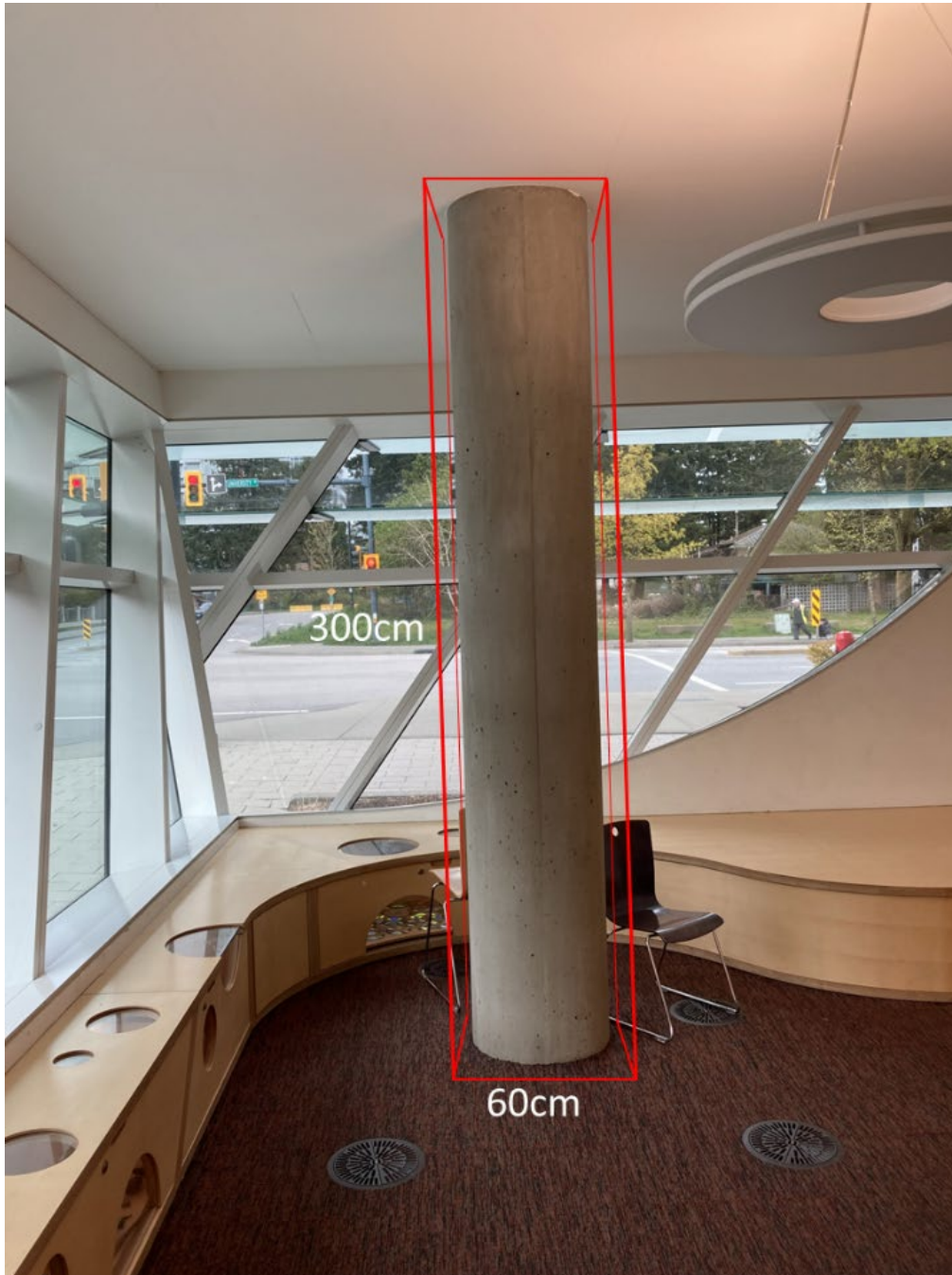
- To create an inviting, welcoming space for children
- To establish Indigenous visibility in the library
- To enrich public space and bring art into the daily lives of neighbourhood residents

Selection Process

- Proposals will be reviewed by a community selection panel consisting of residents and art professionals.
- Staff will ensure that the selection panel has Urban Indigenous representatives.
- The selection panel will recommend the final artwork for presentation to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC).

Technical Considerations

- The column measures 300cm (h) x 60cm (w) on all four sides
- The surface will be made of plywood and prepared with white primer



Site Notes

- The City Centre Branch is located at Surrey Civic Plaza.
- The Library is located near the Surrey Central Skytrain station, City Hall, KPU and SFU.
- The children’s area is located on the 1st floor of the library.
- Surrey Libraries envisions a literate, inclusive and thriving city.
- Surrey Libraries mission is to connect people, spark curiosity and inspire learning.

Administrative Notes

- The City respects the intellectual property rights of the artist.
- The artist will retain ownership rights over the image.
- The artist will grant the City a license to use their final design for documentation and other non-commercial purposes.
- Submitted images will only be shared with the selection panel and will not be used for any other purpose.
- Due to the large number of submissions, only the artist selected for the opportunity will be contacted.
- The City reserves the right to not implement the project should circumstances change.

Compensation

- The award for the selected artwork is \$4,000
 - The City will ensure the surface is primed prior to painting and sealed after the mural is complete
 - Artists are responsible for providing paint, brushes and other necessary equipment (eg. drop cloths, ladder)

Schedule

KEY DATES	
July 29	Application Deadline
August	Selection Panel
September	Presentation to Approval Committees
October - November	Mural Painting

How to Apply

Please submit an application to Public Art staff:

Email: publicart@surrey.ca

Subject line: *City Centre Library Proposal – (Your Name)*

Deadline for application is July 29, 2024.

Your application should contain the following information:

- **Contact Details:** Name, address, email and phone number
- **Concept Sketch:** An initial sketch or drawing of the mural you are proposing
- **Bio & Artist Statement:** A brief introduction to who you are and what your artwork is about. (1 page max)
- **Package:** Combine all items into a single PDF document (10mb max)