

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor & Council

Department: Administration

Date: September 7, 2017

Subject: Art Procurement Program Policy

BACKGROUND

During its 2017 budget deliberations, Council set aside funds to set up an Art Procurement Program that would allow for the purchase of art pieces that will contribute to the appearance of our public buildings and open spaces and help provide education about the importance of arts and culture to our citizens.

The attached policy will provide a framework for the acquisition, placement, management, protection and care of public art in all disciplines.

The policy outlines a procedure that begins in December with the selection and appointment of a jury selection committee and continues throughout the following year with art submissions in July, adjudication in September and the announcement of selected pieces in December.

As there is no time for the full process this year, Staff is recommending that a jury be selected immediately and that a piece or pieces be selected by the jury from the artwork submitted to Riverview Public Library's 1st Annual Art Show. This jury can then stay in place for the 2018 Art Procurement.

The library's Art Show takes place between October 4 and November 25 and includes only pieces suitable for wall hanging. These pieces will be on display in the library during the exhibition time for public viewing.

Staff have also been in early discussions with the library about the possibility of collaborating on the Art Show and our procurement on an annual basis.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial:

The budget put forth by Council for 2017 for the procurement of artwork is \$3000.

Policy:

The creation of this policy will allow for a recognition program that will identify the artistic talent of local citizens.

Stakeholders:

Riverview's artist community will benefit from this program by having a venue to showcase and promote their work to a large audience. Citizens and visitors will have the benefit of increased awareness of and appreciation for art in their own community.

Strategic Plan:

The Art Procurement Program is one of the action items within our *Safe and Welcoming Community* theme.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Staff from both the Administration and the Parks & Recreation departments have been and will continue to collaborate on this project.

Communication Plan:

For this year only, we will help in promoting the Riverview Public Library Art Show and make people aware that the Town will be purchasing a piece of art from a Riverview artist. In future, a formal Call for Submissions will be advertised through the Town's normal channels of communication.

RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF

Staff is recommending the following:

- 1) Adoption of the policy which will be enacted in 2018.
- 2) For 2017 only, a piece of art, selected by an appointed jury, be purchased from the Riverview Public Library's Art Show.

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