

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor and Town Council

Presented by: Parks, Recreation and Community Relations

Date: November 2, 2023

Subject: Art Procurement Program

Background

The Town's Art Procurement Program Policy (2017) was recently updated with several housekeeping and minor procedural changes:

- Defined term length to provide continuity and exchange of information
- Expanding the artist catchment area to include Albert County to ensure the Town is increasing diversity of artwork and supporting local artists who consider themselves part of Riverview
- Increased flexibility with timelines should the committee decide to offer a Spring or Summer art show.

Art Procurement Program Summary (Full Policy Attached)

Program Purpose:

- Aims to beautify public spaces and promote local art education.
- Supports and showcases local visual artists to enhance their professional and economic prospects.

Artist and Artwork Eligibility:

- Open to artists residing in Albert County at the time of entry.
- Accepts original, low-maintenance artworks, including various disciplines and forms, according to an annual theme.

Selection and Funding:

- Artworks are selected by a Committee appointed annually.
- The selection is based on set criteria with variable weightings.
- The program is guaranteed a minimum annual budget of \$3000 from the Town Council.

Display and Maintenance:

- Selected pieces are initially displayed at Town Hall and maintained for their reasonable lifespan.
- The Town has protocols for artwork de-accession based on several criteria, including public safety and feasibility of maintenance.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal: N/A

Financial: N/A

Policy: Updating the Art Procurement Policy (2017)

Stakeholders: Council, Local Artists

Strategic Plan: Alignment with *Active and Engagement Community*, ensuring the committee continues to be engaged in fostering support for arts and culture in the Town of Riverview

Interdepartmental Consultation: N/A

Communication Plan: N/A

Recommendation of Staff: Staff recommend that the Art Procurement Policy (2023) be adopted.