



**COUNCIL REPORT** 

TO:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DATE:

2022 Sept 21

FROM:

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY

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SAFETY

Ref:

Grants

SUBJECT:

MURAL GRANT FUNDING FOR LOUGHEED HIGHWAY AND SMITH

**AVENUE PEDESTRIAN TUNNELS** 

PURPOSE:

To request funding approval for the placement of murals at the Lougheed

Highway and Smith Avenue pedestrian underpass tunnels as part of the

2022 Burnaby Mural Grant Program.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. THAT Council approve the cost of \$3,500 for the installation of a mural at the Lougheed Highway pedestrian tunnel funded from the 2022 Mural Grant Program.
- **2. THAT** Council approve payment of \$3,500 to artist Mihai Darvasa subject to the conditions outlined in this report.
- 3. THAT Council approve the cost of \$3,500 for the installation of a mural at the Smith Avenue pedestrian tunnel funded from the 2022 Mural Grant Program.
- **THAT** Council approve payment of \$3,500 to artist Chris Allen subject to the conditions outlined in this report.

#### **REPORT**

#### 1.0 BACKGROUND

A Mural Grant Policy and Procedure was developed to assist with the application of murals in Burnaby where graffiti has been a problem. To promote murals and deter graffiti, the City has developed a Mural Grant Program. This program provides 50% cost-shared funding for the painting of murals up to a maximum of \$3,500, which covers half of the average cost of murals (estimated at \$7,000). Upon satisfactory completion and submission of paid invoices or receipts, the City will then reimburse half the total eligible cost up to \$3,500.

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To be successful for the mural grant, an applicant must include a completed Artist Mural Agreement, completed Property Owner Agreement, and an estimate of the cost. Once a mural has been installed, staff then confirm the work is completed as agreed, and receipts are reviewed prior to reimbursement of eligible costs.

#### 2.0 POLICY SECTION

Enhancing aesthetics of the community infrastructure aligns with policy objectives contained in the City's Moving Forward initiative (2022), Burnaby Community Safety Plan (2020) and the Corporate Strategic Plan (2017).

#### 3.0 LOUGHEED HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL

The pedestrian tunnel running beneath Lougheed Highway, connects a number of multiresidential properties to the south with Bartlett Court to the north. The tunnel provides a safe means for area residents to access local shopping amenities by foot, as well as to young school children attending Cameron Elementary School. Over the years this area has been a source of complaints from residents due to graffiti.

An application for a mural grant was submitted by Mihai Darvasa to create a mural at the Lougheed Highway pedestrian tunnel. The receipts for the mural indicate that the total cost for the mural is \$13,000 and a photo of the mural concept is included as Attachment #1.

#### 4.0 SMITH AVENUE PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL

The Smith Avenue pedestrian tunnel runs beneath the Skytrain and decommissioned CN rail line, connecting a number of residential properties to Central Park. The tunnel provides a safe means for area residents to access the pedestrian overpass to Swangard Stadium and other park amenities by foot. Over the years, this area has been a source of complaints from residents due to graffiti.

An application for a mural grant was submitted by Chris Allen to create a mural at the Smith Avenue pedestrian tunnel. The receipts for the mural indicate that the total cost for the mural is \$10,000 and a photo of the mural concept art is included as Attachment #2.

#### 5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

As an initiative to improve the overall appearance of the area and to deter graffiti, staff recommend that Council approve funding for the installation of murals at the Lougheed Highway and Smith Avenue pedestrian tunnels.

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Should Council support be received, staff will confirm all requirements of the Mural Grant Policy have been met prior to making final payment to the artists as outlined in this report.

Dave Cotchley

General Manager Community Safety

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Attachments 1) Lougheed Highway Mural Concept

2) Smith Avenue Mural Concept

Copied to: General Manager Engineering

Acting Chief Financial Officer

City Solicitor

### Attachment #1

## Photo of Lougheed Mural Concept



# Attachment #2 Photo of Smith Avenue Mural Concept



