



To: Chief Administrative Officer  
From: General Manager Community Safety  
Re: Mural Grant Funding for Lougheed Highway  
and Smith Avenue Pedestrian Tunnels  
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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 multi-residential 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.



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Attachments 1) Loughheed Highway Mural Concept  
2) Smith Avenue Mural Concept

Copied to: General Manager Engineering  
Acting Chief Financial Officer  
City Solicitor

Attachment #1

Photo of Loughheed Mural Concept



Attachment #2

Photo of Smith Avenue Mural Concept

