

Call for Indigenous Artist – Wall Mural

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is committed to delivering exceptional care to 1.25 million people, including the First Nations, Métis and Inuit in our region, within the traditional territories of the Heiltsuk, Kitasoo-Xai'xais, Lil'wat, Musqueam, N'Quatqua, Nuxalk, Samahquam, shíshálh, Skatin, Squamish, Tla'amin, Tsleil-Waututh, Wuikinuxv, and Xa'xtsa.

PROJECT GOALS

VCH is working to include Indigenous artwork at a Richmond community health-care facility to:

- (1) Honour the Host Nation on whose territory the facility sits; and
- (2) Create a welcoming and inclusive space for clients seeking service at the site.

The project will include artwork by a Musqueam artist in the form of a painted wall mural and related Coast Salish motifs that will be reproduced as printed vinyl glass and wall applications throughout the facility.

VCH has contracted Vancouver Mural Festival (VMF) to collect artist submissions, coordinate the evaluation panel, support artist management, and oversee installation of the wall mural and printed vinyl applications.

THE OPPORTUNITY

VCH is seeking an artist from Musqueam Nation to design a wall mural and related Coast Salish designs/motifs that can be reproduced as printed vinyl applications throughout the facility. The value of the contract is \$6,000. The artist is not required to paint the wall mural. However, if the artist has experience painting wall murals and wishes to do so, VMF may at their discretion negotiate additional terms, including the painting of the wall mural, and additional compensation.

We will be asking the selected artist to reflect the following themes in the wall mural and related Coast Salish designs/motifs. The general theme is the story of the land before concrete, which was developed in consultation with local Indigenous knowledge keepers. This includes:


- Giants (trees)
- Water
- River
- Bulrushes
- Bridges

The artist will be selected by a panel including representatives from Musqueam Nation and VCH. Emerging artists are strongly encouraged to apply.

Land Acknowledgment

We wish to acknowledge that Vancouver Coastal Health sites in Richmond are located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam Nation.

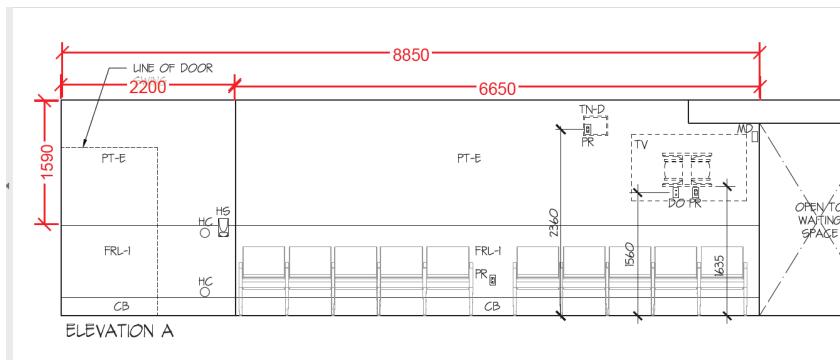
Vancouver Coastal Health is committed to delivering exceptional care to 1.2 million people, including the First Nations, Métis and Inuit in our region, within the traditional territories of the Heiltsuk, Kitasoo-Xai'xais, Lil'wat, Musqueam, N'Quatqua, Nuxalk, Samahquam, shíshálh, Skatin, Squamish, Tla'amin, Tsleil-Waututh, Wuikinuxv, and Xa'xtsa.



SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WALL MURAL AND RELATED COAST SALISH DESIGN MOTIFS

1) Dimensions of available wall for the wall mural:

The wall available for this mural is a half-height wall total of approximately 151 square feet (approximately 29' wide and 5.2' tall).



Coast Salish Motifs/Design:

The design will be used throughout the facility on various glass and wall surfaces, including but not limited to: waiting room areas, work stations, corridors, doors and patient rooms. The initial proposed use will be three vinyl glass or wall applications (example pictured right).

- 2) **Materials, installation services and Insurance** will be coordinated by Vancouver Mural Festival.
- 3) **Timeline for wall mural completion:** The anticipated date of completion for the design of the wall mural and related Coast Salish motifs is late December 2023. Artist selection date is anticipated for the week of December 4 and an opening event/unveiling is anticipated for spring of 2024. Vancouver Mural Festival will work with the selected Indigenous artist and coordinate the exact date of completion.
- 4) **Artist fee:** The selected Indigenous artist will be **paid a fee of \$6,000 for the design of the wall mural and design of related motifs to be used throughout the facility.** There is an opportunity for VMF to consider expanding the scope of work to include painting of the wall mural if the artist has this experience, for an additional fee, with material and insurance costs paid by Vancouver Mural Festival. The timeline, project milestones, and payment schedule will be agreed upon in a contract to be finalized upon selection of the Indigenous artist.
- 5) **Wall mural and designed wall treatment objectives:** This artwork will honour the Musqueam Nation on whose unceded territory the community health-care facility is located, and contribute to the space's sense of inclusivity, well-being and cultural safety.



WHERE TO SEND SUBMISSIONS/ASK QUESTIONS:

Submission Portal: [VCH Richmond Artist Call Submission Portal](#)

By Email: ellen@vanmurfestival.ca or malissa.smith@vch.ca

- 6) **Themes to be reflected in the wall mural and Coast Salish design/motifs:** The artwork should reflect themes of the story of the land before concrete, including: giants (trees), water, river, bulrushes and bridges.

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All artists submitting applications must identify as Musqueam to be considered by the artist selection panel. Interested Musqueam artists are invited to submit to [VCH Richmond Artist Submission Form](#) including the three items outlined **below**.

If you have questions or need help submitting please contact ellen@vanmurfest.ca or malissa.smith@vch.ca - Indigenous Engagement Leader at VCH.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- **Expression of Interest, including:**
 - Contact information: full name, email and phone number
 - Musqueam affiliation
- **Four to six (4-6) pictures of sample artwork** (with a clear description of the pieces)

SELECTION PROCESS

All submissions will be evaluated by the Artist Selection Panel, which will include representatives from Musqueam Nation and VCH. The Artist Selection Panel will evaluate those artists that meet the core requirements and will select the artist based on their consideration of art samples provided.

DEADLINES:

Deadline:	December 1, 2023
Estimated Decision:	Week of December 18, 2023
Draft Design Completion:	Late December/Early January
Final Artwork:	Mid January 2024

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