



POLICY C-RP17

Municipal Art

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to encourage, support and celebrate local artists while promoting an awareness and appreciation of works of art by Parkland County and area residents.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County shall encourage local artists to submit original works and coordinate the display of art in County-owned facilities and other locations. Parkland County shall develop, manage and preserve an art collection for display in Parkland County-owned facilities and other locations as determined by the Art Advisory Committee, and shall advise Council on matters of the Arts and assist in the acquisition of art for special projects.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Arts" means the creative arts in all forms of expression including but not limited to visual arts, literary arts, performing arts, media arts, art industries, civic arts, culturally specific arts, and community arts.
2. "Commissioned" means artwork that has been specially created and sought out by the Art Advisory Committee.
3. "Donation" means a piece of artwork given as a gift or contribution by an individual, group or organization.
4. "Juried" means artwork that has been assessed by one or more adjudicators and is officially awarded merit based on expert opinion.
5. "Local Artist" means a person who lives in Parkland County or in any of the urban municipalities located within the County.
6. "Non-juried" means artwork that has not been assessed by one or more adjudicators and officially awarded merit.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the Art Advisory Committee and Parkland County administration.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager of Community and Protective Services is responsible for monitoring and evaluating this policy. Parks, Recreation and Culture Services is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the policy, and assisting the Art Advisory Committee.

STANDARDS

1. Funding allocation will be set through the County's annual budget process.
 - a. County shall provide funds for the conservation and use of artwork in public places.
 - b. County shall provide funds for any special projects.
 - c. Donors shall provide funds for the purchase of art selected through the annual art acquisition.
2. Art Advisory Committee members will be appointed in accordance with Public Committee Members Policy C-AD26, and function as per the Council-approved Terms of Reference for the committee.
3. The Art Advisory Committee will be an advocate for the Arts in Parkland County, the community and the province, and will encourage communication among artists, arts and culture organizations and agencies in the communities, as per the Council-approved Terms of Reference for the Art Advisory Committee.
4. Art must be suitable for public display (explicit, vulgar and offensive items will not be accepted).
5. Acquisition of art may be made through a juried process, non-juried process, commission, donation or gift.
6. A central registry of art owned by Parkland County will be maintained by Parks, Recreation and Culture Services.
7. Art acquired must be reported to the Art Advisory Committee for confirmation and inclusion in the central registry of art.
8. Purchased and donated works of art will be displayed in accordance with this policy and will be displayed in a location as determined by Parks, Recreation and Culture Services, with recommendation from the Art Advisory Committee (i.e., main foyer, hallways, parks or other facilities). Location of all art will be documented in the central registry.
9. Parks, Recreation and Culture Services will act as curator of the collection and assume responsibility for installation, display, moving, conservation and security of the collection. The County will take all feasible steps to prevent deterioration of the objects in the collection, to restore them as necessary, and preserve them.
10. Annual Art Acquisition
 - a. Artwork will be acquired annually through a juried, non-juried, or commission process. The annual process will be decided by the Art Advisory Committee.
 - b. Eligible art will be that of local artists and must be original works of art in any medium including, but not limited to: paintings, sculptures, photography, ceramics, drawing, printmaking or any other original art deemed acceptable by the Art Advisory Committee.
11. Art for Reproduction as Special Gifts
 - a. A new piece of art will be selected every five (5) years to be reproduced and presented, as a gift to individuals or groups for outstanding achievements and milestones, as decided by Council.
 - b. The Art Advisory Committee will invite interested artists to submit a proposal to be reviewed and provide recommendation to Council. Final decision will be made by Council.
 - c. Artwork will depict, but not limited to, the heritage, geography, culture, and history of Parkland County and area.