



Call For Artists den Bok Family Park Public Art Project

The Parks, Recreation and Culture department, on behalf of the Town of Collingwood, is seeking an artist or artist team to design and fabricate public art for the newly opened den Bok Family Park at 31 Plewes Dr, Collingwood. The main objective of this project is to integrate into the park artwork that creates an inviting, playful and engaging experience for park users.

Eligibility

This Public Art opportunity is open to professional artists and artist teams working in Ontario with experience in creating public art and/or placemaking projects that are original and permanent.

A professional artist, according to the Town of Collingwood's Public Art Policy ([Public Art Policy & Procedures | Town of Collingwood](#)), is defined as someone who is recognized as an artist by their peers, has demonstrated skill, training and/or experience in their artistic discipline and can demonstrate an ongoing commitment to their art practice. Participants must be Canadian citizens or have permanent residence status.

About the Project History

The den Bok family has deep roots in the Collingwood area, arriving from Holland in the late 1940s. They initially worked at Smart's Farms and over time purchased their own farm, now part of the Summit View subdivision. Many of their descendants continue to live in the area, making this project a celebration of local history and community.

Theme and Objectives

We are looking for submissions inspired by the themes of farming, harvest, and the joy of outdoor experiences throughout the seasons. The artwork should reflect creativity while honouring the site's connection to the land.

Design Guidelines

The fabrication and materials must be permanent in nature: durable for year-round, outdoor placement with minimal maintenance. The artwork must be safe and consider the environment in which it is situated, including the interaction of children and pets as this permanent structure will be part of the daily experience for residents.

This project is part of the Town of Collingwood's Public Art program which aims to:

- fosters an environment that promotes creativity and the importance of access to those experiences for everyone
- creates a more interesting, visually rich space and cultivates pride in our Town
- attracts community members and visitors
- promotes the recognition of artists as an important asset for a vibrant community
- engages residents in dialogue
- preserves and enhances our cultural identity

Collingwood's Public Art Program and Context for this Project

The Town of Collingwood is dedicated to enhancing arts and culture as an integral part of the community. Through the acquisition of diverse artwork, the program aims to enrich the lives of Collingwood residents and visitors by enhancing public spaces, fostering cultural identity and pride, promoting creativity, and encouraging dialogue among citizens.

Selection Process

Artists will be selected through an open two-stage process. The first stage invites artists to submit their credentials, examples of current and past art achievements, their approach to the project and design proposal.

Three candidates from this open call will be selected by an Evaluation Committee comprised of members of the community and Town of Collingwood staff to advance as finalists. The Committee will then reconvene to select one successful candidate. It should be noted that during the second stage of the selection process, additional information may be asked of the top three finalists.

The budget for this project is \$16,500, and includes fees for design, fabrication, installation, insurance, travel and other incidental expenses.

Submission Requirements

The deadline for completed submissions is , **2025 at 5:00pm**. All submissions can be sent directly to artsandculture@collingwood.ca. Any late entries received after the deadline will not be accepted for consideration.

Application Package

Interested artists should submit the following:

1. Curriculum Vitae: Detail credentials, relevant experience, education, current and past art achievements
2. Design Proposal: Provide a detailed concept and design proposal including copies of original drawings with description of medium, fabrication and installation process, expected lifespan, design elements and inspiration.
3. Three (3) images of related work labeled with your initials and date created.
4. Budget for the artwork

Artists are encouraged to visit the den Bok Family Park in person. Site drawings are also available at <https://engage.collingwood.ca/summitview-park>.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all applications or to accept any application if in the best interest of the Town. In the event that no submissions resulting from this call are judged to meet the project criteria, the Town may re-issue the call or engage an artist for the opportunity.

All inquiries regarding this project may be directed to Amanda Henry, Coordinator, Arts and Culture at ahenry@collingwood.ca or 705-441-6088.