

Call to Artists: Ottawa Community Housing – Lobby/Public Space Murals

Deadline: October 31, 2023

Honourarium: \$5,000/mural

Project Background

Ottawa Community Housing's Mikinàk Community is the newest affordable housing development in Ottawa. Located in Wateridge Village, the Mikinàk community will offer 271 units in three buildings, including studio, one, two, and three-bedroom apartments with different levels of affordability.

Please see <https://www.och-lco.ca/mikinak/> for more information on Ottawa Community Housing and the Mikinàk Project.

Objective

In consultation with the Algonquins of Ontario, Ottawa Community Housing is seeking indigenous artists to commission up to three (3) murals for the newly constructed buildings at our Mikinàk development. The murals will be part of multiple commemorative elements integrated into the project creating an opportunity for dialogue and learning for the tenants and overall community, paying respect to the ancestral and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation, where the development is located.

The project will also support the overall Wateridge Village commemoration program implemented by the Canada Lands Corporation (CLC). CLC's commemoration program guides how Wateridge Village/Villages des Riverains is recognizing Algonquin, military, francophonie, and other histories in this ongoing development. The commemoration program has been developed by Canada Lands Company in partnership with the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) and with support from ERA Architects Inc., the Department of Words & Deeds, and the Canada Aviation and Space Museum.

More information and additional supporting documents including the Project Context Outreach Summary Handbook, are available at the links below:

Background Information:

<https://wateridge.ca/commemoration-program/>

Wateridge Handbook:

https://wateridge.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/CLCL_Wateridge_Commemoration_Handbook_ENGLISH_WEB_FINAL-s_1555333.pdf



The mural completed by Jessica Canard and Dayna Danger for Unceded Voices in St. Henri (Wall2Wall Montreal 2017).



Chief Lady Bird's work entitled 'Hoop Dance' in Montreal at 393 Rue Saint-Ferdinand (Chief Lady Bird 2017).

Example murals from the Wateridge Village Commemoration Handbook

Considerations and Requirements

- This position is open to members of the ten Algonquins of Ontario communities. We ask that you please identify which Algonquin community you are connected to in your email stating your interest.
- Artists should review the Commemoration Handbook as a source of inspiration and as a framework for future, creative design processes.
- The Murals will be located in building entrance lobbies and public spaces.
- Mural installation and unveiling anticipated summer 2024.

Artistic Considerations

- The mural must be suitable for the public of all ages
- The mural scale/detail should reflect the viewing point of the space (viewing distance and angle)

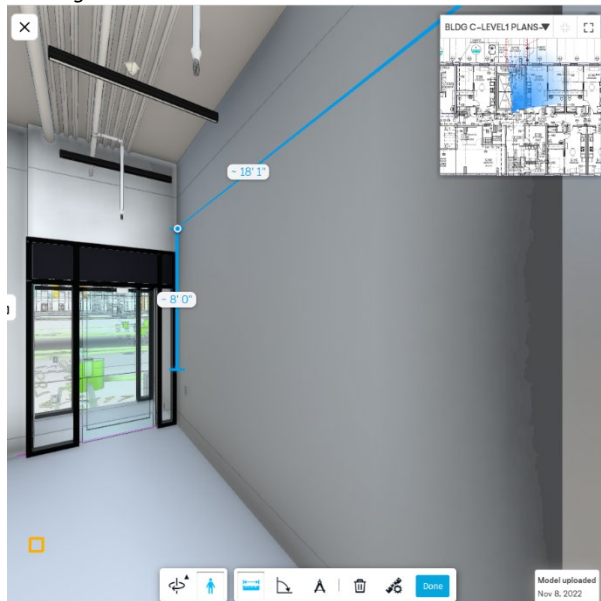
Technical Considerations

- The mural must be panelized (i.e., 4'x4' panels) so that it can be installed/removed from the wall as needed for maintenance work etc.
- The mounting panels should be non-combustible material such as aluminum composite panels or equivalent.
- There are three proposed mural locations:
 - Building A – Main Lobby west wall (approx. wall space 8'Hx16'W)
 - Building B – Main Lobby north wall (approx. wall space 8'Hx16'W)
 - Building C – Elevator Lobby (approx. wall space 8'Hx16'W)
- The murals do not have to take up the full space available but should be sized appropriately for the space and viewing distance.
- The anticipated mural sizes are 4'Hx12'W, utilizing standard panel sizing and available wall space at each location.

Mural Location Renderings



Building A



Building C

Building B

Process

You will be notified either way whether your design was chosen by November 30, 2023.

Contact

If you are interested in submitting your mural concept, please email your concept to Kathleen Forward, Cultural Heritage Advisor, at kforward@tanakiwin.com by October 31, 2023. Please identify which Algonquin community you are connected to in your email stating your interest.