

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City seeking artist proposals for a permanent artwork at Maffeo Sutton Park**

*Deadline for proposals is Monday, January 20, 2020 (3:00 pm)*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is currently seeking artist proposals for a public art project for permanent display in Maffeo Sutton Park. The artwork of timeless perspective will be on display and seen for years to come. Artists are invited to submit their proposals through "CALL FOR ARTISTS TO SUPPLY AND OVERSEE INSTALLATION OF ARTWORK AT MAFFEO SUTTON PARK No. 2489", which is available on the City's website at [www.nanaimo.ca/bid-opportunities/bid\\_details.aspx?id=1353](http://www.nanaimo.ca/bid-opportunities/bid_details.aspx?id=1353).

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Artists are being afforded an extra-long closing time and date in order to give careful and thorough consideration for the proposed artwork and its connection to the park.

*Strategic Link:* Installation of public art furthers the goals of "Livability" in the City's Corporate Strategic Plan by continuing to support the downtown core as an Arts District.

#### **Key Points**

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#### **Quotes**

"Public art helps people connect to a place. We hope that any proposed artworks will help residents make a connection to Maffeo Sutton Park while sharing with its viewers the unique and memorable aspects of Nanaimo and our beautiful waterfront."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

"Beyond being aesthetically pleasing, public art has the ability to enhance locations and public spaces, making them unique, interesting and memorable. We anticipate this project will achieve all of these goals while adding to the already amazing features of Maffeo Sutton Park."

Chris Barfoot  
Culture & Heritage Coordinator  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- What is Public Art? Public art is art that is accessible to all. It has the power to energize public spaces, promote thinking and debate, and celebrate an area's past, present or future. It transforms the places we work, live and play into more welcoming and beautiful settings.

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