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Thank you for your interest in being a part of the City of Coquitlam 2025 Visual Arts Exhibition. Please read the information below regarding the Call for Artists Entries and submit an Application Form by July 4, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

Art Exhibition

The City of Coquitlam is focused on identifying and increasing opportunities for local, emerging artists to display two-dimensional visual art pieces in civic facilities such as Town Centre Park Community Centre. The goal of the Visual Arts Exhibition is to showcase the talents of local, emerging artists and to promote dialogue and cultural awareness by integrating art into the community.

Local artists from the Metro Vancouver area, with preference given to artists based in Coquitlam, are invited to submit an application to have their two-dimensional visual art pieces in the mediums of painting, drawings, photographs, collage and prints displayed at Town Centre Park Community Centre from September 2025 to March 2026. The Visual Arts Exhibition is open to emerging artists aged 16 and up, who are not represented by a professional gallery.

The 2025 Arts Exhibition theme is Elemental Forces – Exploring the power of earth, water, fire and air; which invites artists to reflect on the natural elements that shape our world.

Rules for Entries

- Applications will be accepted from: Artists living in Metro Vancouver, with preference given to Coquitlam artists.
- Submit photos of original two-dimensional visual art pieces for consideration (examples include paintings, drawings, photographs, collage and prints). Please note that only one work will be selected.
- Include a statement indicating how the visual art pieces submitted reflect the stated theme.
- Accepted visual art pieces must be dry, framed, completed, d-rings and ready to be hung on a hook.
- The dimensions of each art piece must fit within the guidelines of the spaces available. See below for criteria and location of display allocation.
- Artist may only submit one exhibition application per intake.
- All artworks submitted must remain on display for the duration of the Visual Arts Exhibition, September 20, 2025 until March 1, 2026.

Accepted artists from the previous year's exhibition are still eligible to apply with preference given to those who have not been accepted previously. Accepted artists into the 2025 Visual Arts Exhibition will receive an exhibition fee.



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Artwork Selection Criteria

- Submissions are original two-dimensional artwork(s) made by the artist and must align with the 2025 theme.
 - Does the artwork provide unique ideas around the proposed theme?
- Originality of each artwork.
 - Does the artist use unique materials, techniques and/or subject matter?
- Content/subject matter reflects the Coquitlam community.
- Content is suitable for a public space and all audiences.

Jurors

A panel of jurors will review applications for the Visual Arts Exhibition. Jurors will be composed of members from the City of Coquitlam Culture Services Advisory Committee.

Accepted Artists

- Selected artists will be required to enter into an Artist Agreement with the City.
- Artists must sign a Photo Release Form allowing the City of Coquitlam to take and use photos of them and/or their artwork.
- The City of Coquitlam has sole discretion to reject an artwork(s) at any time prior to or during the exhibition and to determine the location where selected artwork will be displayed.

Benefits for Artist

- Artwork to be showcased in Town Centre Park Community Centre
- Opportunity to build exhibition experience
- Recognition at an exhibition reception
- Promotion on the City website and social media channels

Embrace the opportunity to showcase your art and gain recognition as a talented artist!

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Display Period and Exhibition Installation

September 20, 2025 – March 1, 2026

Display Space Options

Town Centre Park Community Centre (1207 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam)

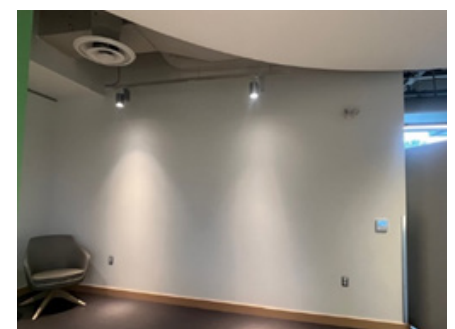
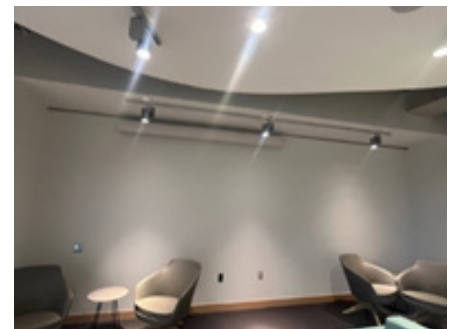
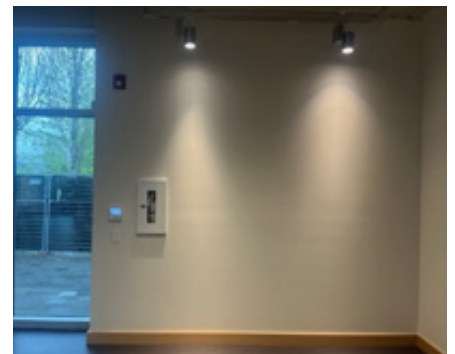
Description: Community living room

Size of usable space:

Wall 1: 10 feet x 10 feet

Wall 2: 20 feet x 10 feet

Wall 3: 17 feet x 10 feet





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Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Coquitlam

Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) is about breaking down barriers to ensure that everyone – regardless of age, ability, race, culture, gender, sexual orientation and other diversity characteristics – is able to live, work and thrive in a safe and welcoming environment.

As an organization, Coquitlam is on a journey to better serve our vibrant and diverse community by applying EDI principles to all City work, policies, operations, language and services. EDI is a top organizational priority that guides decision-making across all lines of business. Learn more at coquitlam.ca/edi.

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that the name Coquitlam was derived from the hə́nqəmíhə́h (HUN-kuh-MEE-num) word kʷikʷə́lə́m (kwee-KWET-lum) meaning “Red Fish Up the River”. The City is honoured to be located on the kʷikʷə́lə́m traditional and ancestral lands, including those parts that were historically shared with the ḱíćə́y (kat-zee), and other Coast Salish Peoples.