



Date: October 18, 2023
To: Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, CAO
Adam Clarkson, Director of Corporate Services
From: Parks, Recreation & Culture
Re: Indigenous Art Mural Project

Summary:

Local Indigenous Artist Quentin Syliboy has been approved for \$25,000 in funding through the Canada Council for the Arts. The category of the grant is “Creating, Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Metis People”. Quentin is casually employed by East Hants as a specialized art instructor who delivers cultural art education programs at different locations throughout the Municipality. Quentin would like to use this grant opportunity to create and donate four art murals to the Municipality of East Hants to be displayed in different areas throughout the region. As per Council’s Art Donation Policy, an internal committee met to discuss the request, recommend it go forward and Council accept the art work.

Project Description:

To create a collection of four murals depicting Mi’kmaq stories which will be displayed within the Municipality of East Hants. The pieces upon completion would be displayed in prominent locations as determined by staff. Murals will have the ability to rotate as semi-permanent/permanent displays to help foster reconciliation, racial tolerance through education and to help promote and preserve indigenous art and culture. The Municipality will take ownership of these art pieces upon completion.

Purpose of the Project:

To educate the general public on indigenous art and culture, through a series of hand painted murals using acrylic on birch (4’x8’ panels). The pieces will depict indigenous legends and teachings with an accompanying write up displayed next to each piece, telling the story behind each one.

Project Timeline:

- November 2023 Press Release/announcement to public Re: Project & Partnership
- September 2024 Completion of all 4 Murals
- September 30, 2024 Truth & Reconciliation Day - Mural Reveals & Celebration (event)

Request to the Responsibilities:

- Plan press release/announcement for project
- Plan and host celebration of mural completion
- Provide locations for mural displays
- Preservation of murals