

Request for Proposals – Legacy Park Mosaic Project

The City of Lethbridge is inviting Artists to submit proposals for a public art project in conjunction with establishment of a new 30-hectare regional park located in the Uplands/Blackwolf neighborhoods on the city's north side. The successful Artist will be contracted to create an exterior mosaic on the Legacy Park Group Picnic Shelter. The proposed artwork should attract users of all demographics to the space while helping to create a warm and inviting community gathering space. The west-facing side of the wall is highly visible to a main parking lot and is positioned as a sort of “welcoming sign” – something that will be many visitors’ first experience of Legacy Park. Both sides of the 3.2m high x 7.95m wide wall are available to the artist. The contracted artist will also lead a process to mentor a local emerging artist. The mentorship is intended to provide a local artist with an introduction to the mosaic process as well as providing them with skills to work independently on future projects.



Background:

Design for Legacy Park began in 2009 and included the formation of a community advisory committee, as well as multiple public engagement sessions. Layout of the park is purposefully driven with the western half offering open space and passive activities and the eastern half offering active recreation. The transition between the two occurs by way of pathways, a community pavilion and picnic shelters.

Construction of the park began in 2016. The core amenities of the park include an outdoor challenge course, playground, pickle ball, tennis, and basketball courts, softball diamond, outdoor fitness centre, boardwalk, amphitheatre, pond lookout, Community Pavilion and Plaza, Spray Park, and Discovery Playground. Concurrent to the park construction, a skate park was designed and constructed in consultation with the local skating community and the City of Lethbridge’s Parks department worked with the Horticultural Society of Lethbridge to develop an ornamental garden in the northwest corner of the site. Completion of all phases of the park construction is anticipated for late 2021.

Budget

The all-inclusive budget for the design, fabrication and installation of the Picnic Shelter Mosaic as well as the mentorship of a local emerging artist is \$100,000 plus GST. This fee will be inclusive of all project costs.

Eligibility

The competition is open to qualified professional visual artists as defined by the Canada Council for the Arts (<http://canadacouncil.ca>). This professional context excludes the school environment, and so a student attending college or in an undergraduate degree program at a university may not enter this competition.

Proposal Submission

Interested artists are invited to view complete RFP details, submit questions and submit proposals at: <https://lethbridge.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en/Tender/Detail/d7cab1b5-c365-49cc-8fdb-12e4a7fc14ea>

This opportunity closes on: **September 8, 2021**