

CITY OF NANAIMO
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PUBLIC ART AND CULTURE INITIATIVES

*Presentation to Advisory Committee on
Accessibility and Inclusiveness*

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2024 Street Banners



- Amy Pye’s design was selected to recognize 150 years since the incorporation of the City of Nanaimo.
- Featuring urban and rural imagery and connection to the natural environment – land, sea, sky.

Amy Pye

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Culture Awards 2024



**2024
EMERGING CULTURAL
LEADER – ANNALISE LAM**

**2024
HONOUR IN CULTURE –
SUKHI SANGHA**


**2024
EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE –
PAUL ROLAND GOGO**

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Youth Poet Laureate

- The Youth Poet Laureate serves as a “young people’s poet”, raising awareness of poetry, the literary arts and the positive impact literature and poetry can have on community life.
- Paige Pierce’s two year term as Youth Poet Laureate began in January, 2024.
- Current Poet Laureate, Kamal Parmar, is serving as a mentor until her term ends this August.



Youth Book Response: Poetry Contest

- The City of Nanaimo and Vancouver Island Regional Library have partnered to create a Youth Book Response Poetry Contest for writers under the age of 18!
- Youth poets are being asked to submit a poem inspired by or responding to their favourite book. Poems can be any style or length.
- Selected poems will be displayed at the Vancouver Island Regional Library's Harbourfront location. There are three prizes to be awarded to winners.



Poetry in the Park

- ▶ By using personal devices to access QR codes, viewers can enjoy virtual poetry readings by Poet Laureate, Kamal Parmar, in corresponding locations throughout Bowen Park.
- ▶ QR stickers are placed in various locations to guide park visitors to the videos online.



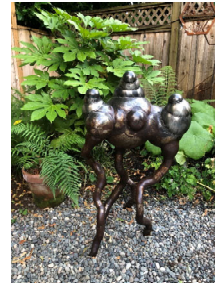
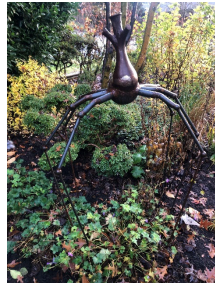
Temporary Public Art - 2023

David Martinello, Compelling Agency

This large-scale sculpture, found adjacent to the intersection of Fitzwilliam and Wallace Streets, draws attention to the connective value that humans have to wood as a resource. The artist's intention with his artwork is to have the viewer thoughtfully evaluate their relationship to wood and in turn, their relationship to their environment while they observe the natural weathering and evolution of this piece.



Temporary Public Art - 2024



Robert Turriff, Re-wilders (Examples of the Artist's Work)

"Re-wilders" by Robert Turriff will showcase sculptural creatures co-designed in community workshops. These creatures actively engage in invasive plant management. As catalysts, these sci-fi creatures inspire the community, illustrating practical steps for future land stewardship.

Temporary Public Art - 2024



Eliot White-Hill, Kwulasultun

Eliot White-Hill's sound installation recontextualizes space and our understanding of Nanaimo as Snuneymuxw. Site-specific installation using outdoor speakers and recorded sounds of species of animals, birds, and insects Indigenous to Snuneymuxw tumuxw, the land upon which the City of Nanaimo has been built, will be discretely placed at sites throughout the Old City Quarter.

Urban Design Roster 2024 - 2026

- ▶ The Urban Design Roster was launched in 2021.
- ▶ Artists and designers engaged as part of the Roster have an opportunity to be involved in civic urban design and small-scale artwork related to city infrastructure.
- ▶ 21 artists and designers are appointed to the Roster; 9 new, 12 returning.

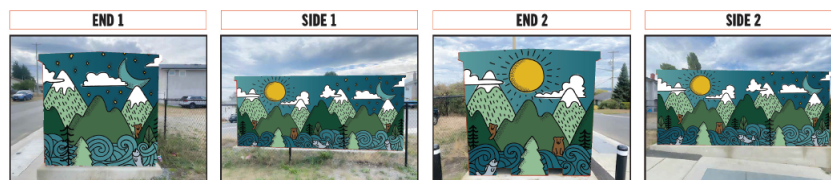


Urban Design Roster – Completed

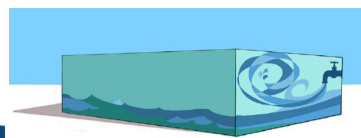


*Stadium District
Ticket Booth Design
by Noel Brown*

Urban Design Roster – New Projects



Sarita Mielke of WILD/FREE Creative



Robert Plante

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre Student Exhibitions



École Pauline Haarer