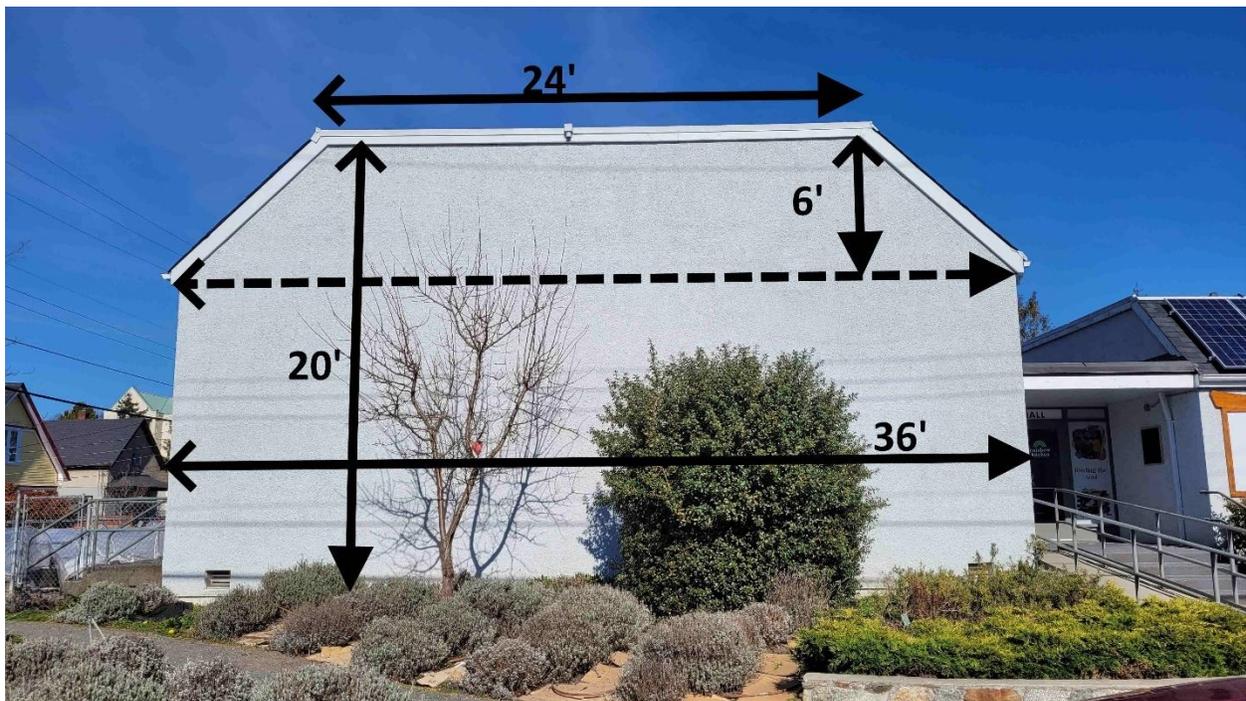




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INVITATION TO APPLY

ESQUIMALT UNITED CHURCH (EUC) ART PROJECT



NOTE: the large bush will be drastically pruned to a very low level

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Closing Date: April 29, 2022

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Esquimalt United Church (EUC) is commissioning a mural for an outside wall on the church building facing Lyall Street (at Constance Avenue) in an outdoor public space. The goal of the overall project is to create public art (which may grow in future to several pieces and projects around the building with further educational opportunities for our church as well as other community members) reflecting the community of EUC as well as the essence of Esquimalt itself. The first step in the project is the commissioning of this mural.

LOCATION

Esquimalt United Church is located in the heart of Esquimalt at 500 Admirals Road, on the block of Lyall Street between Admirals Road and Constance Avenue. Besides being a faith community and place of worship, it is a community centre in many ways as it houses and supports various groups. The almond tree in the photo will remain and we hope it might be incorporated into the design if possible with awareness that it sheds its foliage in winter. The large bush next to the tree will be drastically pruned to a very low level.

SITE HISTORY

The history of Esquimalt United Church goes back to 1911 when a small group of Esquimalt residents first convened. Through the years, the space has been a place for community worship and gathering. Our foremost value is to welcome everyone and to respect all people, creatures and the environment. EUC also hosts and supports the work of many organizations and user groups, while offering further hospitality through events like a monthly clothing and toy exchange and musical hootenannies as well as providing safe gathering space and outreach to our wider Esquimalt community. Our church building sits on the crossroads of two of Esquimalt's major roads: Admirals and Lyall, both of which are used by thousands (as of 2018, 4,411 military personnel and 2,762 civilians work at CFB Esquimalt) of people travelling to and from the naval base each day, as well as folks from the general community. This again gives us added incentive to be a place of health and hopeful vitality for the whole community.

TIMELINE

Proposed timeline of the project:

1. April 29th: date for submissions
2. May 4-10th: successful candidate(s) selected and contacted
3. June 3rd: date to submit detailed design for approval
4. June 21st: date for project start
5. Date for project completion can be negotiated but all work is to be completed by September 15th, 2022.

THEME AND CONTENT DIRECTION

The themes that our congregation believe to be most reflective of our vision at EUC are hospitality, inclusivity, and oneness with creation (including environmental justice). Within these themes, artists are encouraged to submit applications that express their unique style and creativity. To be considered, murals must be appropriate for an inclusive, family-friendly environment and contain no commercial imagery or logos. Finals designs will be approved both by EUC's mural team and the township of Esquimalt.

Our congregation is very excited to be exploring a partnership with local artists and providing an outdoor space for a mural with the potential to participate in future projects. Arts and culture play a vital role in contributing to healthy outcomes for individuals and their communities by creating feelings of belonging, social cohesion and encouraging a sense of collective identity. EUC believes it is essential to live out a passion for continuing to educate ourselves and the community on issues relating to poverty, social and environmental justice as well as widening our role as a community hub. We have roughly 32 different community groups meeting in our building from Girl Guides to gardening clubs, including Rainbow Kitchen which operates out of the church (just behind the wall being painted,) providing nourishing lunches and companionship 5 days a week to our most vulnerable community members and school hunger programs, and are proud our church can be used in a way that benefits the community.

By living our vision as a vibrant, accepting, inclusive and diverse congregation, we believe it is important to build community resiliency. This art project allows us to work with a variety of community stakeholders and mobilize around issues that are important to us. This project will benefit our church community and other partners who share our space as we all receive the gift of offering a fresh vibrant space to the community.

SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET

Selected artists will be responsible for:

- ✚ Providing a final polished design for approval by EUC and Esquimalt town council prior to painting
- ✚ Completing all surface prep required prior to painting
- ✚ Applying a UV sealant and anti-graffiti coating
- ✚ Completing all work by the provided date
- ✚ Submitting a short description of work that can be used publicly
- ✚ Signing a release giving Esquimalt United Church full rights to the finished mural image
- ✚ Submitting written instructions for appropriate maintenance and preservation of the mural

Artists will be responsible for their own travel costs, materials, and personal liability insurance. A rough budget breakdown will be submitted as part of the application.

CLOSING DATE

Applications must be received by the closing date of Friday, April 29th. Electronic submissions are encouraged. Email submissions to esquimaltunited@shaw.ca with subject "Mural." Physical submissions must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Mural" and delivered to: Esquimalt United Church, 500 Admirals Rd, Victoria BC V9A 2N4.

REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS

The following must be included in the application: Contact information: Name, address, telephone number, email address. Design ideas including preliminary sketches, description of artwork and any interactive aspects included, and a proposed colour palette. Preliminary budget breakdown including expected cost of materials and time. Description of the approach to the project such as methods of surface preparation, primer applications, varnish, or other material to secure the longevity of the mural.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, email esquimaltunited@shaw.ca with the subject line "Mural" or call 250-883-9515 and ask for Laura.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Hermakin

On behalf of the EUC Mural team,
The Rev. Dr. Laura J Hermakin, BA, MDiv, DMin, Minister