

TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART OPPORTUNITY

Project Location: Downtown Summerside, Prince Edward Island (Waterfront or Water Street)

Budget: \$5,000.00 (includes HST) for the completion of the project, which will cover materials, artist fee, installation, and deinstallation costs.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Summerside in partnership with Downtown Summerside is excited to announce an open call for proposals for a temporary public art project. The work will be displayed in prominent downtown location on city-owned property from June 2025 to October 2025.

Proposals should reflect the theme of water. Project partners are looking for proposed public art projects that engage diverse audiences.

ART “THEME”

The project theme of “water” aims to celebrate the City of Summerside’s deep-rooted connection to water, specifically the sea.

The project can explore the theme of water through a variety of ways, including movement, transformation, its influence on industries and way of life for the people of Summerside. It can provoke conversations about sustainability, conservation, and the ongoing relationship between people and the natural world. Situated in the downtown district, this public art installation may invite viewers to reflect on the ebb and flow of both the natural environment and the city’s evolving relationship with water that has shaped its past, present and future.

ELIGIBILITY

This call is open to artists working in any medium that would be suitable for a temporary public art piece located outdoors [e.g., sculpture, murals, etc.]. Proposals are encouraged from a diverse range of artists and submissions are welcomed from local, national, or international applicants. Artists with connections to Summerside/ Prince Edward Island will be given special consideration.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- The artwork must be temporary, with a duration of five months (June- October).
- The piece must be suitable for an outdoor setting and resilient to weather conditions typical of Prince Edward Island.
- The project should engage with the theme of water (please refer to the theme section for further information).
- The artwork must be safe for public interaction.
- Artists are responsible for installation and deinstallation within the allotted timeframe.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit the following materials:

- Completed Public Art Application Call for Artists Form (can be found online here or picked up at the Lefurgey Cultural Centre at 205 Prince Street, Summerside).
- A brief project proposal that includes a description of the artwork, its concept, and its engagement with the chosen theme.
- Visual documentation (sketches, renderings, or photos) that clearly illustrates the proposed artwork and its scale.
- A detailed project timeline, including installation and deinstallation schedules.
- A materials list and budget outline.
- Artist resume/CV and any relevant work samples of previous art/ public art projects.

IMPORTANT DATES

Proposal Deadline: January 31, 2025

Notification of Selection: February 11, 2025

Installation Date: June 10, 2025

Exhibition Dates: June 16 – October 23, 2025

Deinstallation Date: October 24

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following:

- Artistic vision and creativity
- Relevance to the chosen theme
- Feasibility of installation and maintenance
- Engagement with the community
- Durability and safety of materials
- The potential impact on the public space

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications are received by the City of Summerside, Culture Summerside Department for consideration by a public art selection panel. Once your proposal has been evaluated, you will be contacted and informed of next steps. The selection panel may request additional information from any of the applicants to inform their decision. The panel also reserves the right to make no recommendation or selection from the submitted applications.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Attn: Culture Summerside

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ABOUT THE CITY OF SUMMERSIDE

Summerside, Prince Edward Island, is a city located just twenty minutes from the Confederation Bridge. It is central to sandy beaches, lighthouses and rural landscapes. Arts, culture and heritage play a vital role in making Summerside a center of creativity and culture in many forms creating a remarkable place to live, work and visit. The cultural community presents and defines the soul of the city, alongside its capacity for cultural tourism, built heritage, educational experiences, economic vitality, quality of life and celebration of diversity.

Epekwitk (PEI) is situated in Mi'kma'ki, the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People, who have occupied the Island for over 12,000 years. We honour the Treaties of Peace and Friendship and recognize that we are all Treaty People.