



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Rotary Centennial Park Washroom West Wall Mural**

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From: Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee

Date: May 31, 2023

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve Amanda Billey's mural submission for the west wall of Rotary Centennial Park washroom building, allocating \$3,000 from the Public Art Budget for this project.

SUMMARY:

At the May 23, 2023, committee meeting, ARCH committee members reviewed the two submissions from the Mural Call to Artists. Impressed with the two submissions, the committee members felt that a second mural on the west wall would add to the aesthetics of the park and provide a different style of mural from the one on the east side that would perhaps appeal to a different group of residents as well.

Currently the Public Art Fund has a balance of \$60,451 with \$10,000 allotted for the north and east walls of the Rotary Centennial Park washroom. An additional \$3,000 for the west wall would leave a balance of \$47,451 for future projects.

Amanda's Proposed Mural Description: My mural proposal reflects flight and movement, the flight paths of birds, movement from one place to another, and the transitions of people in the area by showcasing a family of birds flying towards a common goal of nourishment and sustainability.

Each bird represents a person. A son, daughter, mother, father, what ever family unit someone may have, I hope they see themselves and their loved ones in these birds. The parental figures are protecting their young as they set sights on a near by flower.

This flower almost looks as though there's delicious food waiting for them in the center. Families travel from all over, looking for a place they can call home. A place where they can find nourishment and sustainability. This flower represents that, and hope for the future.

The movement in the background and amongst the flowers almost seems stormy, as if everything may disappear. We all know the difficulties families face, especially these days where it's hard just to afford to live. But together as a unit they will persevere. They will face the storms and the unknown and find hope together. There is light at the end of the tunnel, and you can see that towards the middle of the image where everything seems to be leading to. The clouds are clearing, and things are becoming easier, they have made it, they are home.

Mural Proposal:



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Respectfully Submitted,



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