



North Bay Public Art Advisory Committee

Project: **North Bay Community and Recreation Centre Mural Project**

Due Date: June 26, 2026

Contact: publicart@northbay.ca

Project Description

The Corporation of the City of North Bay in partnership with the City of North Bay's Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) is seeking an experienced Muralist/Visual Artist to submit a unique **ORIGINAL** concept image for a painted mural at the new North Bay Community and Recreation Centre. The purpose of the mural is to create an inviting and vibrant entryway that will welcome visitors to the multi-use facility. The facility offers two ice surfaces, a walking track, and a gathering room where programs and events will take place. **AI-generated** submissions will **NOT** be accepted. Submissions must be in a digital format for review (ex. Photos of sketches, PDF, Word Document, etc.) The successful artist will be expected to hand-paint their design onto a primed feature wall at the new Community and Recreation Centre.

THE ARTWORK will reflect the heart of our community and inspire a sense of pride by honouring our culture, sports, recreation and shared history. Through vibrant imagery and storytelling, the design will capture generations of movement, teamwork, recreation, and togetherness – from local traditions and outdoor life to the people, families, and activities that bring our community together.

The mural surface is approximately 35.627m square. The building consists of neutral beige-coloured walls and some blue feature walls. **Surface dimensions for mural space are attached below.** The artist is responsible for the design and execution of the mural at the Community and Recreation Centre. This includes all materials needed to complete the project (paint, brushes, tape, gear, etc.) The project will start on August 13, 2026 and must be completed no later than August 19, 2026. Access to the Community and Recreation Centre will be subject to internal schedules and availabilities to be coordinated with the successful artist. There will be access to power if needed.

Artist Fee

The successful applicant will receive a flat fee of \$4500 for their artwork, materials and installation. Please note that this payment is subject to tax deductions in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency requirements.

Purpose

To strengthen the prominence of public art within high pedestrian traffic areas, provide an opportunity to recognize local and regional artists and improve beautification within the City of North Bay.

Risk and Responsibility

Artists should understand that the finished work will be installed in a high-traffic area, which may require eventual repair or replacement due to the elements. Therefore, the City of North Bay cannot guarantee the duration of the work's display or be responsible for any damages or modifications of the artwork due to required maintenance and wear and tear. Artists should also be aware that public artwork can be a target for vandalism. The City of North Bay cannot guarantee that vandalized works will be repaired, restored, or replaced, as this is dependent on available funding. Artists must accept the risk that their artwork may be removed if damage and/or vandalism occur at the city's discretion. To mitigate damage, the final mural will receive an anti-graffiti coating. This will not alter the look of the finished mural.

Eligibility and Criteria

- Artists and designers with ties to the North Bay and the area
- Must be a unique and original painting
- Must not include promotion, branding or logos (artist signature encouraged)
- Must not include any vulgar or offensive words or imagery
- The Artist **must have their own insurance** with a **5-million-dollar** liability policy naming "The Corporation of the City of North Bay" as a third-party insured

Selection Process

Proposals will be evaluated by North Bay's PAAC committee under, but not limited to the following criteria:

- Artistic Merit - artwork exhibits high-quality artistic ability and execution within project scope
- Community Impact - generates a positive and strong visual impact on the community/site location
- Viability - artwork meets technical requirements

Art Release Form

If selected as the successful applicant, you will be required to complete and sign the City of North Bay's Public Art Advisory Committee's Art Release form. Please **REVIEW BEFORE** submitting.

Submission Checklist

The checklist must be completed to be considered by the Public Art Advisory Committee.

- Artist Experience
 - Provide up to 3 photos of previously completed murals/similar work with your submission that include mural location and year completed to showcase your talent and experience as a Muralist/Visual Artist
- Artist Process
 - Please provide a description of your process from the sketch phase to the completion of a mural (e.g., sketching, colour selection process, stencil, painting, etc.)
- Artist biography:
 - About yourself, including your connection to North Bay
 - Your previous experience as an artist
 - Contact information (name, email address, phone number)
 - Artist website and/or social media links to be shared on the City of North Bay's social media platforms if your artwork is selected (not required)
- Artist Statement:
 - Inspiration of the mural
- Attach a digital mock-up of your artwork using the attached template and save it as a JPEG or PNG file if applicable; alternatively, provide a mock-up via document, sketches, etc.
- In the subject line of your email submission, please include "Your Name - North Bay Mural"
- **A maximum of 1 submission per artist**
- Submit your application by email to publicart@northbay.ca
 - If sending your files through Google Drive:
 - Create a portfolio folder in your Google Drive or cloud service titled "Your Name – North Bay Mural"
 - On your folder go to the far right and select the three dots (more actions)
 - Select share, under general access switch from "restricted" to "anyone with the link"
 - Select copy link then select done
 - Paste the link into an email and send it to publicart@northbay.ca

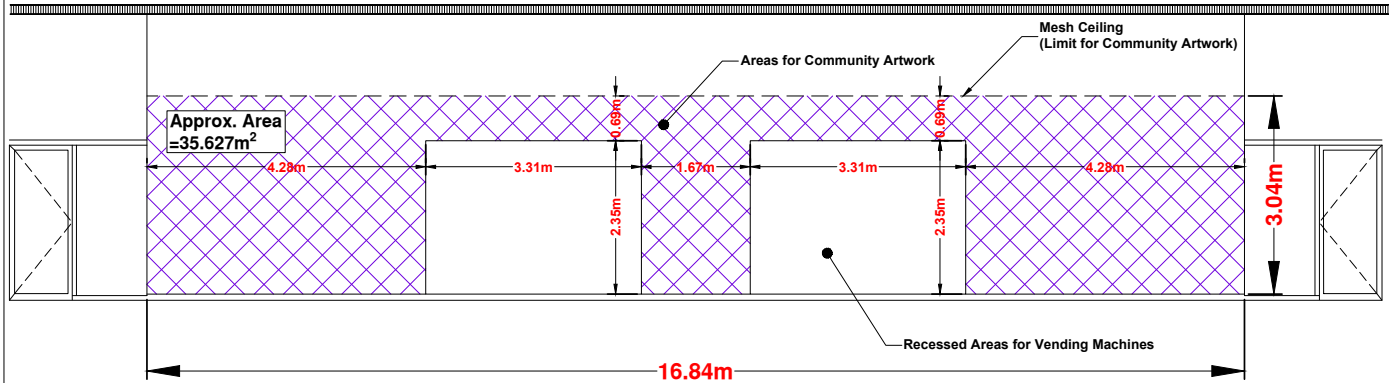
Disclaimer: All mock-ups will not be accepted. The Committee may ask to see progress photos.

Once your application is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email within 5 business days.

Deadline for submissions: June 26, 2026

Please direct any questions to the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC):
publicart@northbay.ca

Public Art Advisory Committee -NBCRC Mural Wall Project



North Bay Community & Recreation Centre - Mural Wall



City of North Bay's Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)
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Art Release Form

I the undersigned, own the rights to the Artwork entitled _____
_____ (the "Work").

I give permission to use my Work in his or her entry to the City of North Bay's Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) North Bay Community and Recreation Centre Mural Project. I hereby give the City of North Bay's PAAC (and those authorized by said PAAC, including but not limited to the Corporation of the City of North Bay) a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of that entry, including my Work, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including but not limited to advertising and promotion in any media.

I understand that the City of North Bay's PAAC (and those authorized by said PAAC, including but not limited to the Corporation of the City of North Bay) is under no obligation to use the entry in any way. I waive any claim or right of action arising out of these uses described in this release.

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For artists less than 18 years of age whose Parent/Legal Guardian will receive the fee on their behalf:

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date _____