

Call to Artists

Winter Whimsy-themed Window Mural

Subject: Invitation to Submit Proposals for a Holiday Window Mural at the Okotoks Municipal Centre

The Town of Okotoks invites local and regional artists to submit proposals for a **Winter Whimsy-themed window mural** to be installed at the Okotoks Municipal Centre during the 2025 holiday season. This mural will celebrate the festive spirit of Okotoks through imaginative, family-friendly artwork that evokes the charm and playfulness of winter villages.

Key Details:

- Number of Murals: One mural will be commissioned.
- **Theme**: Artists are encouraged to create original designs inspired by *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. Provide a mural with a Whoville theme, aiming to recreate the whimsical and festive atmosphere of Whoville's curvy, colorful, and fantastical buildings. It's deeply communal atmosphere, with a strong emphasis on celebration and kindness. Vibrant colours, playful characters, and enchanting holiday scenes.
- Window Dimensions:
 - 20 windows at 25" x 25"
 - 20 windows at 25" x 76"
- Refer to **Appendix A** for window shapes and layout.
- **Style**: Fun and colourful designs are encouraged.

Timeline

- Paint Dates: November 4–8, 2025
- Work Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
- **Site Access**: Materials may be stored on-site during the installation period.

Compensation:

- **Fee**: \$4,000
- **Includes**: Artist fee, paint, materials, and installation costs

Submission Requirements:

- Artist Statement (max 1 page): Outline your artistic background, inspirations, and approach.
- **Portfolio**: Include 3–5 examples of past work, preferably with mural experience.
- References: Provide three references or testimonials from clients, educators, or collaborators.
- **Concept Proposal**: Include a sketch of your **proposed design** using the provided template (Appendix A).
- **Insurance & Coverage**: Selected artists must provide proof of:
 - \$5 million liability insurance
 - Workers Compensation Board (WCB) coverage

How to Apply

Submit your expression of interest using the Call to Artists form available online.

Deadline: October 12, 2025.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

The Town of Okotoks is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We welcome submissions from artists of all backgrounds and experiences. We strive to build a collaborative and supportive community where all residents feel represented and respected.

For questions, contact:

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APPENDIX A - Okotoks Municipal Centre Windows – Mural Design Template

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