



THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL CALL Gorge Waterway Park - Competition Brief

The District of Saanich values the Gorge Waterway Park as an important neighbourhood park and a significant asset for the greater community. Over the years the District of Saanich has invested resources in the enhancement of the waterway and parkland. The latest improvements, completed in 2004, concentrated on the play area, gardens and pathway west of the intersection of Tillicum Road and Gorge Road.

As the District of Saanich believes public art to be important for creating a sense of place as well as a means to increase the liveability and attractiveness of an area, one (1) piece of public art is to be chosen and installed along the public trail of Gorge Waterway Park. The District of Saanich has called together a jury to oversee this public art review process. The proposed work of art for this competition should address one of the broad themes of "Knowledge of place; understanding the natural and cultural community along the Gorge waterway" or "Play and recreation along the Gorge waterway".

SITE: The proposed public art work is to be located in an area adjacent to the public path west of Tillicum Road and southeast of the Gorge Park children's playground. The site is located between the Gorge waterway and Gorge Road West.

ELIGIBILITY: Artists must reside on Vancouver Island, the B.C. Gulf Islands or in the Greater Vancouver area.

BUDGET: The total budget available for the art work is 17,700 dollars, inclusive of all expenses (including GST).

JURY PROCESS: This will be a two-stage, juried competition conducted under the policy and guidelines of the Comprehensive Arts Policy of the District of Saanich. The jury will assess submissions on their consistency with the competition parameters, quality, practicability of the submission, appropriateness to the chosen site, artistic merit, durability, maintenance needs and public safety, and on the basis of the quality of previous work. The artist's relevant experience and the ability of the applicant to complete such a project will also be considered.

INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE: An information Open House will be held so artists considering making an application can ask questions regarding this specific public art competition. The information open house will be held on **Wednesday, April 29, 2009**, in the Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue, in the Council Chamber. Artists may drop by anytime between 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Directional signage will be posted.

TERMS OF REFERENCE & APPLICATION FORMS: Terms of reference and application forms are available on the District's webpage www.saanich.ca and at the District Hall (770 Vernon Ave), from the Planning Department. Copies of these documents will also be available at the artist information open house.

DEADLINE: The deadline for submissions for Stage one of the competition is **Monday, June 1st, 2009, 4:30pm.**

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions regarding the competition please contact Jane Evans, Public Art Coordinator, District of Saanich, 770 Vernon Avenue, Saanich, BC V8X 2W7, Ph: (250) 475-5494 ext 3401, e-mail: jane.evans@saanich.ca