



## ARTISTS IN OUR PARKS

Effective Date: May 9, 2017

### 1. Policy Statement

To bring new opportunities for individuals, groups and organizations to entertain the public and animate City parks through grassroots, one-day art installations and music performances.

To support artists and musicians interested in these opportunities, the City is adding a new “Artists in our Parks” permit category.

### 2. Purpose

Arts in our parks is a new initiative that brings art events to parks across Pitt Meadows and facilitates neighbourhood engagement. The Artists in our Parks Program encourages community building and enjoyment of local parks, by offering arts events such as visual art, photography, performances, dance, music, theatre, film, community-engaged work and temporary installations by arts groups.

“Artists in our Parks” offers residents and visitors alike a glimpse into the creative world of an artisan. This city-run program reaches beyond the traditional gallery by providing artists an opportunity to connect and share who they are, what inspires them, and to allow the community to learn about the artist’s process. From May through October artists can create and sell their works at City parks. The City of Pitt Meadows is committed to developing a strong public art program which is accessible to the community and provides opportunities for artists.

### 3. Scope

In order to provide residents in the community the opportunity to engage with and experience many types of art and artists the program will allow artists from other municipalities to participate in the program. Pitt Meadows artist’s applications will be given priority.



#### 4. Exclusions

This policy does not apply to other City arts and cultural events or Special Events.

##### **Roles and Responsibilities**

Permit Holder Responsibilities:

1. Applications will be made in writing to the Arts and Culture Coordinator through the “Artists in our Parks” Application form. While no jurying of applications will take place, artists may be refused a permit based on the goals of the program.
2. The event must be open to the public, free of charge, with no admission fees.
3. All work must be the original work of the permitted artists.
4. As the intent of the program is to exhibit and demonstrate the process of producing art, artists are required to do their work on site.
5. All visual artwork is to be displayed on standard art easels or approved display stands/tables and the top of the display may not exceed 1.5 meters (5ft) in height. Paintings may not be stacked in piles. Portable walls, booths or pop up tents are not allowed. Patio umbrellas are permitted.
6. The permit holder will be able to sell their own art/music. Sale of other items will not be allowed.
7. Artists will not pressure the public to buy any work. Artists will not leave their area, enter another artist’s area to pursue customers or solicit customers from another artist’s area.
8. The permit holder cannot offer an unrelated service other than that as outlined in their application.
9. The permit holder cannot serve or sell food, drinks or alcohol.
10. Artists may display one temporary card/sign (maximum 12” x 24”) indicating their name, address and contact information. All other signage is not permitted.
11. Artists must publicly display a valid permit at all times.
12. Every artist must have their own permit. Permits cannot be transferred to another artist.
13. Artists are required to ensure that their park location is kept free of rubbish and debris that may be generated by the vendor or their customer.
14. The Applicant will use the site only for the Event as described in the Application and for no other purpose. The Applicant will not knowingly permit or suffer waste or injury to the park site or any part thereof and will not occupy any portion of the site for any unlawful purpose. The Applicant will not release, dump, spill or place on the site any hazardous material. The Applicant will not prune, cut, plant, damage or remove vegetation.
15. All City of Pitt Meadows Park bylaws (No 2651) must be observed. Artists will behave in such a way as to maintain harmony in the park.
16. Only radio/CD/DVD/MP3/IPOD players with earphones may be used on site.



17. Acoustic musicians are invited to participate; no amplification of music is permitted at this time.
18. The permit holder must abide by all noise bylaws. As per the City of Pitt Meadows Noise Control Bylaw No 2138 amplified sound cannot exceed 65 decibels for continual sound and 80 decibels for non-continual sound, measured from the end of the park. Amplified sound will only be allowed for performance, dance, theatre and film at this time.
19. All artists must adhere to the City of Pitt Meadows parking regulations. Artists are allowed a maximum of 15 minutes to unload their vehicle and must then move their vehicle to a regular parking spot.
20. The City's insurance policy does not provide for coverage for individual artists or groups, their work, display materials or any other goods, equipment or materials. Artists are reminded that if they wish insurance coverage that they will be required to purchase their own.
21. Permits are only offered at park locations previously determined by Parks and Arts and Culture staff.
22. Artists are responsible for checking the City website [www.pittmeadows.ca.ca/artsandculture/artistsinourparks](http://www.pittmeadows.ca.ca/artsandculture/artistsinourparks) for any date that may already have an event scheduled that may conflict with the program. All City or scheduled community events will take precedence over the program.
23. Artists may participate in the Artists in our Parks program between the hours of 6:00 am and 10:00 pm per the City of Pitt Meadows Parks and Community Facilities Bylaw No. 2651.
24. The Arts and Culture Coordinator, Parks Manager or Bylaw Enforcement Officer reserves the right to revoke the artist's permit immediately if the artist's behaviour, in the opinion of the Parks Manager, Arts and Culture Coordinator or Bylaw Enforcement Officer, is incompatible with the goals of the program.

### **Prohibitions**

1. Permits for the "Artists in our Parks" program will only be available from May 1 – October 30, annually.
2. Permits are only offered at park locations previously determined by Parks and Arts and Culture staff.
3. Artists may participate in the "Artists in our Parks" program between the hours of 6:00 am and 10:00 pm per the City of Pitt Meadows Parks and Community Facilities Bylaw No 2651.
4. "Artists in our Parks" vendor permits cannot be transferred to another artist.
5. "Artists in our Parks" Vendor Permit holders cannot offer an unrelated service other than that as outlined in their application.
6. "Artist in our Parks" Vendor Permit holders cannot serve or sell food, drinks or alcohol.



7. Vehicles of any kind are not permitted on City of Pitt Meadows parklands or green space per the City of Pitt Meadows Parks and Community Facilities Bylaw No 2651.
8. Tents are not allowed.
9. Amplification of music for musicians is not permitted at this time.

### **Procedures and Guidelines**

1. All artists must submit an application for a vendor permit to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Coordinator.
2. Permits for “Artists in our Parks” will be available from May 1 – October 30, annually.
3. Permits are only offered at park locations previously determined by Parks and Arts and Culture staff.
4. Artists may participate in the “Artists in our Parks” program between the hours of 6:00 am and 10:00 pm per the City of Pitt Meadows Parks and Community Facilities Bylaw No 2651.
5. The permit holder must follow the “Artist in our Parks” Regulations.

### **I. Related Policies**

City of Pitt Meadows Noise Control Bylaw No 2138

City of Pitt Meadows Parks and Community Facilities Regulations Bylaw No. 2651

### **2. Attachments**

Schedule A

“Artists in our Parks” Program – Approved Parks



## SCHEDULE A

### ARTISTS IN OUR PARKS PROGRAM APPROVED PARKS

1. Shoreline Park
2. PM Civic Park (Spirit Square)
3. Waterfront Commons Park
4. South Bonson Community Centre Plaza
5. Other Areas as Identified