



## **Call for Artists – Request for Expressions of Interest**

### **Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre**

**Application Deadline: April 17, 2026**

**Artist Fee: \$15,000 - \$20,000**

The District of North Vancouver is inviting expressions of interest to design and paint a mural at the Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre, nestled in the temperate rainforest of Lynn Canyon Park.

The Ecology Centre serves as a nature museum and community information hub, offering educational programs for schools, private organizations, and the general public. Its mission is to engage and inspire the wider community, encouraging people to explore their local natural environments, connect with others who share similar interests, and discover meaningful ways to support and protect the environment. The Centre's commitment to education spans all ages — from dedicated preschool programs exploring the fascinating creatures beneath our feet to adult learning experiences focused on the remarkable world of fungi.

The new mural will showcase the centre, creating a welcoming visual that draws visitors both to the facility and the surrounding park. Its design should complement and celebrate the flora, fauna, and fungi of the natural area.

#### **Eligibility:**

- BC-based artists and teams are welcome to apply for this opportunity.
- Artists must have appropriate WCB and liability coverage, as well as fall certification training, if applicable.
- Employees of the District of North Vancouver are not eligible to participate.

#### **Your Expression of Interest should contain the following information:**

- **Contact Details:** Name, address, email and phone number
- **Letter of Intent:** Outline your artistic approach to this project and initial concept ideas
- **Artist CV:** History of past exhibitions, commissions, education and/or relevant experience
- **Bio & Artist Statement:** A brief introduction to who you are and what your practice is about
- **Portfolio:** Up to 10 images of past work

## **Selection Process:**

Submissions will be shortlisted by a selection panel consisting of DNV Parks department staff.

The selection process will occur in two phases.

### **PHASE 1:** Expressions of Interest

- Eligible artists will submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)
- The selection panel will review all eligible submissions and short-list artists for the next phase

### **PHASE 2:** Concept Development

- Short-listed artists will be given a project orientation.
- Each short-listed artist or team will be given an honorarium of \$500 to further develop their concept proposal.
- Proposals will be presented to the selection panel.
- The selection panel will award the commission to the selected artist.

## **Site Notes**

The building is located at 3663 Park Road, North Vancouver in Lynn Canyon Park, a popular tourist destination featuring a suspension bridge, nature museum, hiking trails and cafe.

## **Technical Notes**

- Designs must consider the two front faces of the building.
- Building façade materials consists of wood siding. The two facades to be painted are each roughly 6.4m long by approximately 3m high
- Surface will be power-washed, prepped and primed by the District of North Vancouver.
- Mural to be painted directly on the building exterior.
- Artist will have access to water on-site and a small storage shed.
- Design to be submitted as a digital vector file or other format suitable for printing.
- Qualified contractors/artists shall conform to the standards contained in the latest edition of Master Painters Institute (MPI) and adhere to industry-standard MPDA specifications which will be provided upon award.
- Contractor/artist must follow with finish applications of MPI#15 or equivalent premium product. Note: Deep base colours may require additional coats for uniformity and opacity.

## Administrative Notes

- The District of North Vancouver respects the intellectual property rights of the artist.
- The artist will retain ownership rights over the image.
- Submitted images will only be shared with the selection panel and will not be used for any other purpose.
- Due to the large number of submissions, only the shortlisted artists will be contacted.
- After completion of the project, the District of North Vancouver reserves the right to modify, maintain or paint over the art work at its discretion.
- The District of North Vancouver reserves the right to not implement the project should circumstances change.



## Schedule

Key Dates	
April 17	Application deadline
Mid-April	Selection Panel 1 – shortlist of 3
May	Concept Development
Early June	Selection panel 2
June -July	Commission awarded. Finalize design.
July - August	Artwork Installation

## Budget

The budget for the selected artwork is \$15,000 - \$20,000

This is inclusive of all costs including:

- Artist Fees
- Design
- Materials and equipment
- Insurance
- Travel and taxes

## How to apply

Please submit design proposal to the Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre

Email: [ecocentre@dnv.org](mailto:ecocentre@dnv.org)

Subject line: Ecology Centre mural – (*Your Name*)