

Report

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Subject

Chemainus Festival of Murals Society – Relocation of Existing Mural

PURPOSE

To consider relocating the “Three Generations sculpture” in Chemainus to an alternative location.

BACKGROUND

A 10-year agreement for managing murals and statues was signed between the Chemainus Festival of Mural Society (CFMS) and the Municipality of North Cowichan in 2017. The agreement transfers mural maintenance and the requirement to maintain a Mural Protection Reserve Fund to the CFMS while retaining North Cowichan as the copyright owner. As North Cowichan is the murals' copyright owner, any inventory additions are to be approved by Council and added to the agreement.

DISCUSSION

In July, the owner of 9780 Willow Street requested the CFMS to remove three sculptures and associated mural from in front of their business. The “Three Generations sculpture” was crafted by the late Sandy Clark and is accompanied by a later painted backdrop. See the photo below.



The CFMS proposes moving the statues and mural to an existing structure at Waterwheel Park. The current structure at the park has three plaques dedicated to the people and organizations involved in the park upgrade project undertaken in 2000. Staff are proposing the three signs be relocated to an area near the Chemainus Map at the entrance to the park. A photo of the existing structure is below on the left, and a mock-up of the proposed structure with the sculptures and mural is on the right.



Photo 1: existing structure



Photo 2: mock-up of proposed structure

The cost for the removal of the sculptures and mural from the existing location and relocation to the park will be paid for by the CFMS. As well, ongoing maintenance and repair will be conducted by the CFMS.

OPTIONS

1. **(Recommended Option)** THAT Council authorize relocating the "Three Generations sculpture" from 9780 Willow Street to the existing northern structure at Waterwheel Park.
2. THAT Council direct staff to investigate alternative locations for the "Three Generations sculpture".

IMPLICATIONS

Option 1

The addition of the sculpture and mural is an improvement to this underutilized section of the park.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize relocating the "Three Generations sculpture" from 9780 Willow Street to the existing northern structure at Waterwheel Park.

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