



Council Policy C38

Supporting Artistic and Cultural Expression

Approved by Council Resolution #23/11/22

1. PURPOSE:

This Policy governs the City's support for the development of arts and culture in our community.

2. POLICY STATEMENT:

Beaumont is committed to the development and support of artistic and cultural expression in our community. Support for the Arts will further the maturity of the community through a strong volunteer spirit and a warm, neighbourly feeling. A strong and vibrant artistic community will empower citizens who connect and collaborate with civic government.

A review of this Policy will occur every three (3) years or upon such earlier date as may be requested by Council.

3. SCOPE/APPLICATION:

3.1 Arts Education and Cultural Literacy

3.1.1 The City will:

3.1.1.1 encourage and support arts educational initiatives and cultural literacy programs by artists, arts and culture organizations, and the broader arts and culture community of interest in Beaumont; and

3.1.1.2 encourage excellence in the arts by celebrating Beaumont's artists and arts and cultural organizations.

3.2 Cultural Facility and Arts Infrastructure

3.2.1 The City strives to support community spaces for celebrating arts and culture, and will consult with key stakeholders regarding the development of any major arts or cultural facilities.

3.3 Municipal Funding for Arts and Cultural Development

3.3.1 The City will support arts and cultural development by contributing funds to artistic and cultural initiatives, arts programming, and capital infrastructure development. The City's support will include things such as funding through community and arts grants programs, organizing events and activities, and providing facilities or other services that align with arts and cultural development. The City's financial support will be considered alongside funding for recreation

on an annual basis, ensuring a continued commitment to sustainable funding for arts, culture, and recreation.

3.3.2 In providing grant funding, the City will enter into agreements consistent with this and other City policies that ensure proper reporting and other measures are in place to help ensure the requirements of this Policy are achieved.

3.3.3 The City will provide annual reporting describing its financial support for arts and culture.

3.4 Public Art

3.4.1 The City will strive to allocate one percent (1%) of all publicly-funded new capital infrastructure expenditure to the acquisition and/or creation and display of public art works, to a maximum of \$50,000 to be incorporated into the overall plan and themes for each capital infrastructure project. Such funding may be allocated either towards an individual capital infrastructure project, or added to other general funding or contributions made by the City to public art works in other locations.

3.4.2 Within existing and new public buildings owned and operated by the City, the City will acquire (through purchase, donations, or loans) and display works of art as appropriate to the nature of the public space.

3.4.3 Artistic merits being equal during the selection process, and where permitted by law, Beaumont and regional artists will be given preference in the acquisition or creation of public art.

3.4.4 The City will continue to enhance and enable the established provisions of the French Village, Agricultural and Indigenous themes in their planning of capital infrastructure projects within the borders of Beaumont.

4. AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT

The Recreation and Culture Manager or his or her designate is responsible for ensuring the effective administration of this Policy. It is recognized that the City will work with and receive advice from the Beaumont Arts Advisory Committee, in accordance with the Committee's mandate as set out in Bylaw 1039-23.

Policy Record

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Cross Reference: *Bylaw 1039-23 Arts Advisory Committee*

Administrative Responsibility: Manager, Recreation & Culture

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