

About the project

The Valley Line presents an opportunity to create a number of public artworks that reflect the diversity and character of the communities it serves. Throughout public engagement, stakeholders and community members indicated a preference for smaller scale, functional pieces. These can include bike racks, ornamental benches and chairs that are integrated with the LRT infrastructure and local neighbourhoods.

About the Public Art Selection Process

Commissions for public art are awarded through a call for proposals via one of the Edmonton Arts Council's three selection process methods: direct call, request for proposals (RFP), or request for qualifications (RFQ). The qualifying submissions will be presented to a selection committee comprised of City of Edmonton personnel, the project architect, two community representatives and two artist representatives. The call for submissions will specify the criteria for the artwork opportunity, budget, timeline, and a background of the area and site location. This process will be initiated and coordinated with construction timelines.

About Edmonton's Percent for Art Program

Percent for Art is a program that allows the City of Edmonton to acquire artwork for public spaces, in accordance with the City of Edmonton policy "Percent for Art to Provide and Encourage Art in Public Areas" (C458C). Edmonton developed its Percent for Art policy in 1991. The Edmonton Arts Council directs the Percent for Art program and provides vision for and stewardship of the City of Edmonton Public Art Collection. The EAC also assists in maintaining the collection through its conservation staff.

City Position

The City of Edmonton supports public art as a way of enhancing the experience of living in Edmonton. It allocates space for public art and provides funding for artwork under its percent for art policy. The City has worked with the Edmonton Arts Council to develop rigorous selection criteria for public art acquisition.

About the Edmonton Arts Council

The Edmonton Arts Council is a not-for-profit society and charitable organization that supports and promotes the arts community in Edmonton. The EAC works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture in all aspects of our community life.

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