Public Notice

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Call to Artists: Town of Sidney 2026 Utility Box Beautification Project

The Town of Sidney invites all artists to submit copies of their original art which best symbolizes the spirit of Sidney. Chosen work, in whole or in part, will be reproduced on a graffiti-resistant surface to beautify existing utility boxes in and around Sidney's downtown area.

ARTIST REMUNERATION

In addition to an honorarium, artists will receive public recognition via:

- A display of their name, personal website, and the title of the work on the utility box.
- An article published in the Winter 2026 edition of Sidney's municipal newsletter, *Town Talk*. Town Talk is a well-read publication that is distributed to over 6,000 residents, organizations and businesses around Sidney as well as being available electronically on the town's website.
- A Town of Sidney News Release

SUBMISSION DEADLINE – Tuesday August 11th, 2025

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To make a submission please email at admin@sidney.ca

Please include the following with your submission:

- No more than 4 images of recent work. Images must be jpegs and no larger than 1.5 MB each.
- A list of works submitted including name, title, dimensions, and year.
- Artist's contact information.
- Artist's statement that provides details of how the submission is in keeping with the selection criteria.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Saanich Peninsula artists will be given preference.
- Youth (under 30 years of age) and First Nations art is encouraged.

- The art enhances the current built form, landscaping and/or other physical features near the box location.
- The art invites interaction.
- The art recognizes the historical or current significance of Sidney.
- The art symbolizes the spirit of Sidney.
- The art adds to the diversity of themes, styles and perspectives displayed on existing wrapped boxes.
- The art meets the Town of Sidney's Public Art Guidelines (DV-006).

Contact:

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