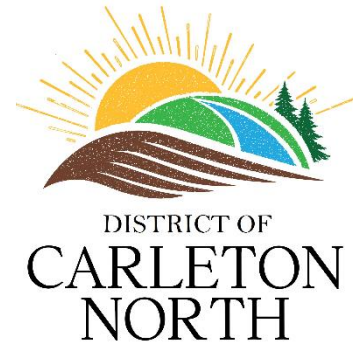


Public Art Project Call to Artists: Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

R.G. “Bun” Veysey Recreation Centre



Project Description

The District of Carleton North NB invites professional artists and artist teams to submit their qualifications for consideration to design, create and install a permanent, site-specific artwork to celebrate the new Recreation Centre in the District of Carleton North. The R. G. “Bun” Veysey Active Living Centre was completed and started operation late in 2023; the official grand opening ceremony was June 8, 2024

This is a two-stage competition:

Stage 1 deadline:	midnight ADT 22 September 2024
Stage 2 deadline:	midnight AST 19 January 2025
Installation date:	to be determined in 2025

Budget: Total budget for this piece is \$22,500.

Contact: Gaby Mann, Community and Economic Development Manager, District of Carleton North, NB 506-392-6763 x206 gaby.mann@carletonnorth.com

Eligibility:

The call to artists is open to professional artists who identify as an individual artist or a group of artists. Members of the Public Art Committee, Selection Committee and their immediate families are ineligible to apply.

About the R.G. “Bun” Veysey Active Living Centre

Community is strengthened by shared experience. In this community, as in many others, sport and recreation are experiences widely shared by residents and visitors alike. As the first manager of recreation for the Town of Florenceville, Randolph G. “Bun” Veysey¹, after whom the Centre is named, organised, coached, built and promoted the Town’s program and facilities at this location, centred on the arena constructed to celebrate Canada’s Centennial. With the addition of our rural and remote neighbouring communities (incl. Lakeville, Centreville, Stickney, Glassville, Juniper, Bath, Beechwood and Upper Kent) to the District, there is much that can bring us together; many new and treasured experiences to share.

¹ Obituary [Randolph G. Veysey](#), 2020

Located centrally on McCain Street, next to the Arena, Curling Club, Library and Art Gallery and a short distance from the Community Hall, this building represents a cornerstone of civic activity in the District of Carleton North's community of Florenceville-Bristol.

The Veysey Centre features a new facility for the River Valley Gymnastics Program, a community gym, a community room with kitchen, and a state-of-the-art rock-climbing wall. A large viewing area upstairs with seating and bar-style eating areas overlooks both the gymnasium and the gymnastics club. A walking/running track completes the upstairs. The building's design features large windows, red accents, and intriguingly sloping accent lines.

Its mission is to be a place where anyone can come, get active, and feel healthy. Our approach to active living sets us apart from many other recreational/sports facilities in the surrounding area. Barely six months into operation, the facility offers pickleball, basketball, soccer, badminton, and volleyball. The walking track is rarely empty, and Zoomers on the Go meets regularly in the gymnasium. The Community Room so far has seen meetings, seniors' outreach activities, seed exchanges, and Chamber of Commerce events.

Description

The commissioned artwork will be installed in the R.G. "Bun" Veysey Active Living Centre. While there is no designated location in the building, the following are under consideration:

- Wall of walking track on the east & south sides of the building
- Entrance hallway
- Stairwell between the first and second floors
- Lawn outside the main doors

Photos are attached.

Goals:

We're looking for artwork that creates an atmosphere of community, inclusivity, and wellness for the community of the District of Carleton North, and the visitors and staff of the R.G. "Bun" Veysey Active Living Centre.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ): Stage I

Qualifications will be evaluated by an assessment committee consisting of artists, stakeholders from the community and representatives from the Project Team. This committee will shortlist a maximum of three artists to move forward to Stage II.

Selection Criteria for Stage I

All submissions will be evaluated based on

- the applicant artist(s)' experience and qualifications (CV),
- examples of the applicant artist's previous artwork,
- a written Expression of Interest outlining artistic practice, relevant experience, and interest in the project.

Please note: The Public Art Committee and its Selection Committee reserves the right to reject any or all submissions, or any part thereof, or to terminate or re-advertise the project. The decision of the peer assessment committee is final.

Submission instructions for Stage I

A complete application must include the submission requirements listed below.

Support material may be written in English or French.

- **Artist(s) CV(s)** - if it is a group submission, one artist must be identified as the contact person.
- **Expression of Interest**, maximum 350 words. Word document files must be submitted in PDF file format
- **Images** (Maximum 10) must be submitted as high res digital JPG format with maximum size of 1240 pixels along the longest side. Submit images through DropBox or USB
- **Image list**, with each image numbered (01-10) with the following information:
"01_DCN_artist's name_title_date completed_media_dimensions (HxWxD)". Please order your images from most recent (#1) to oldest (#10) *and* make sure your image list corresponds to the digital image titles. You may include additional information (Max 50 words) about the image on your image list.

Participants must submit a complete application with support material saved to a USB flash drive or DropBox to the District of Carleton North at 19 Station Street in Florenceville-Bristol or by e-mail to gaby.mann@carletonnorth.com.

Your submission must be **postmarked** or **emailed** by midnight ADT on Sunday, 20 September 2024. The District of Carleton North will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any materials. Submissions will not be returned.

Questions

Please submit questions to Gaby Mann, Community and Economic Development Manager, District of Carleton North, NB 506-392-6763 x206 gaby.mann@carletonnorth.com by midnight on Monday, September 16.

Request for Proposals (RFP): Stage II

Shortlisted artists (maximum three) will be given Terms of Reference and an honorarium of \$1500 in Canadian Dollars *plus HST* to prepare a detailed public art proposal for Stage II.

The Stage II proposal will include a 3-D or digital model and a promotional presentation for stage two of the competition. A technical review of all three proposals will be requested prior to the final proposal submission date.

The three shortlisted proposals will be presented to the community for feedback and comments from the public at an open house following the deadline. All comments received from the public during this survey will be submitted to the Jury for consideration. Artist attendance is recommended.

Following the public consultation process, artists will meet individually with the peer assessment committee for a 30-minute interview to present their proposals and answer questions. Interviews will be conducted in person or remotely.

The budget for the art design, fabrication and installation is \$22,500 plus HST. This is inclusive of all related expenses such as material, permits, travel, delivery, insurance etc.

The selected artist will be invited to travel to Florenceville-Bristol for:

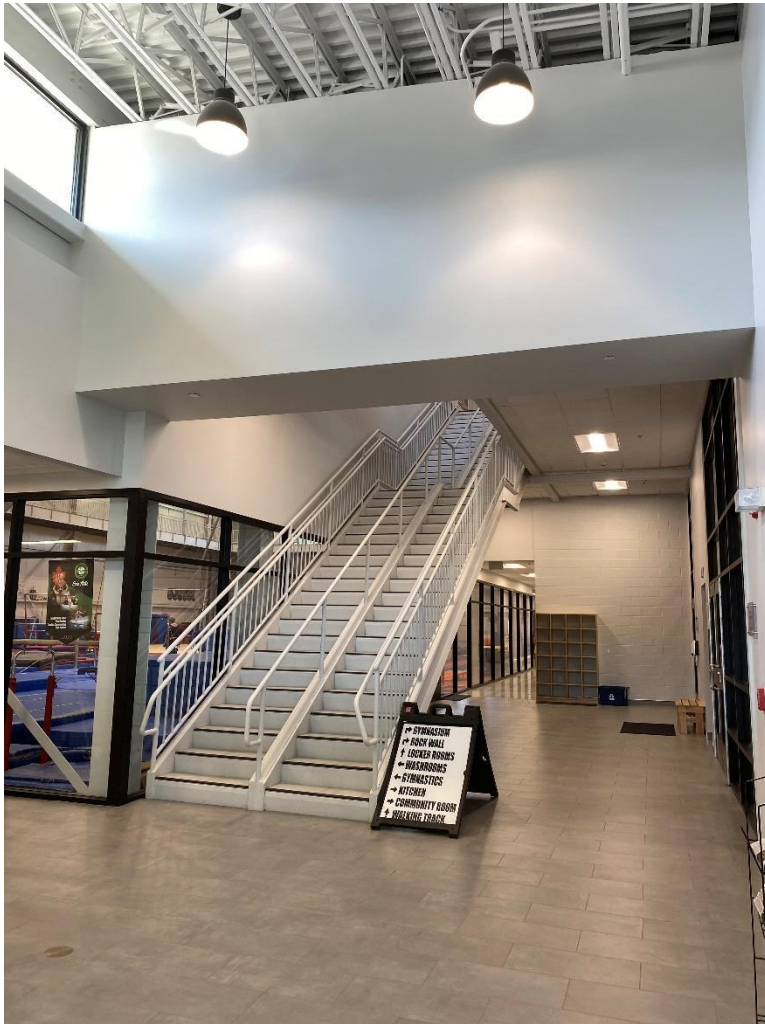
- Pre-design site visit (honorarium available),
- Technical consultations,
- Manage the installation,
- Engage with the public (artist's talk, public unveiling).

Possible locations:

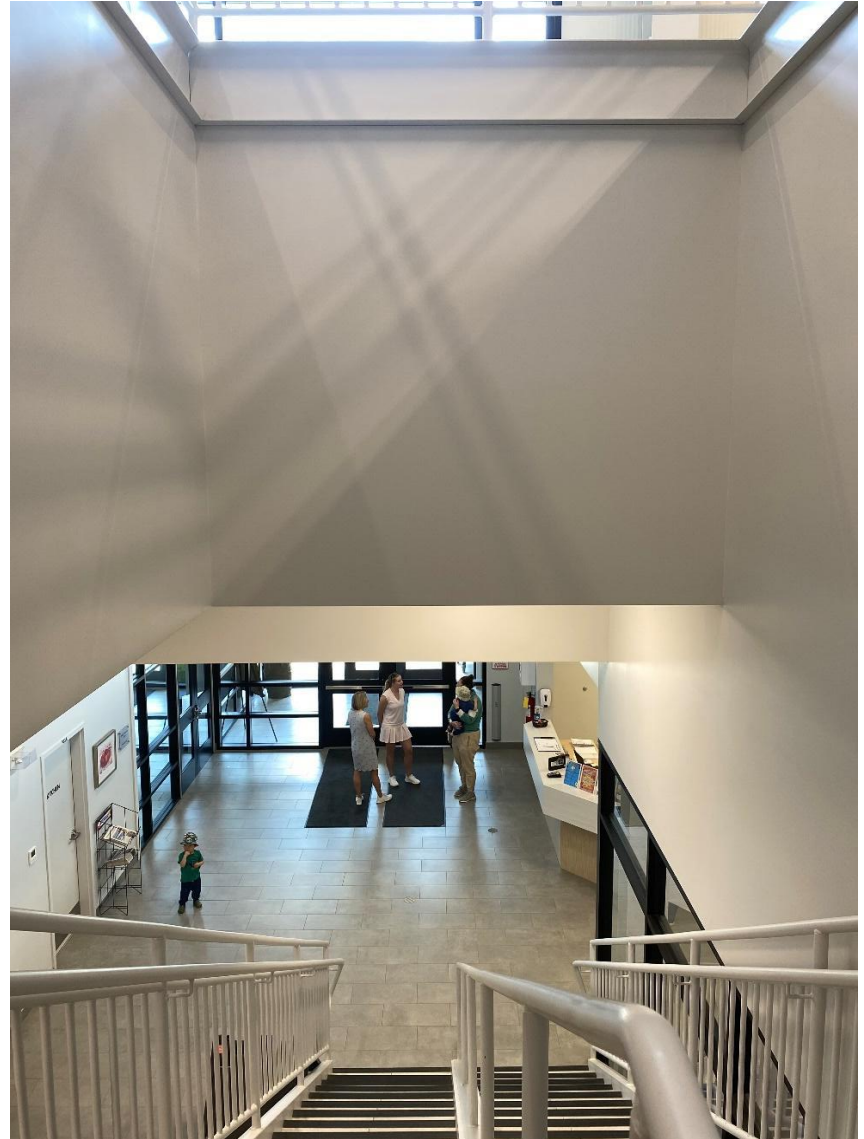
1. Walking Track



2. Entrance



3. Stairwell



4. Lawn to right of front entrance



Applicant Information Sheet

Veysey Recreation Centre RFQ

Artist(s) Name(s) _____

If group, Artist Team Lead _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____

eMail _____

Phone: _____ (H / C / W)

Website (if applicable) _____

Facebook: @ _____

Instagram: _____

Submission Checklist:

- This completed cover sheet
- Artist(s) CV(s)
- Expression of Interest (350 word max, PDF)
- Images (USB or DropBox)
- Image list