

2025 Art Acquisition

Report Purpose

To request Council's approval for acquisition of artworks as recommended by the selection panel and supported by the members of Strathcona County's Art Collection Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

THAT the acquisition of the following artwork, as recommended by the Art Collection Advisory Committee, be approved.

Adult category		
Title	Media	Artist
Time Traveller	Oil, acrylic, African wax fabric on canvas	Garfield Morgan
Arctic Pup and Winter Cub	Acrylic on canvas	Jessica Desmoulin
Alberta Hilly Town	Acrylic on canvas	Aeris Osbourne
Onward and Upward	Mixed media on canvas	Karen Blanchet
A Symphony of Light	Photograph on metal	Linda Treleaven
The Threat	Acrylic on canvas	Tanya Garner-Tomas
Calling River Alberta	Acrylic on canvas	Dennis P Yowney
Sailors Delight	Monotype on canvas	Suzan Berwald
First Time Parents	Acrylic on canvas	Kirra Kent
In the Shadow of Giants	Oil on canvas	James MacDonald
Pyramid Lake II	Mixed media on canvas	Suzan Berwald
Waterfall Potatoes	Acrylic on canvas	Anne Marie Szucs

THAT acceptance of the one-year loan of the following youth artwork, as selected by the Art Society of Strathcona County, be approved.

Youth category		
Title	Media	Artist
My Own Worst Critic	Graphite	Olivia Peddle Bev Facey, Grade 10
Feathered Affection	Coloured Pen	Lyla Sales Archbishop Jordan,

		Grade 10
Starless Reflection	Acrylic	Samantha DeCoursey Ardrossan, Grade 12
Clarity	Photograph	Ashlyn Mok Bev Facey, Grade 10
I Don't Bite	Pen	Amber Dancey Salisbury Composite, Grade 12
It All Comes Out in the Wash	Acrylic	Amber Dancey Salisbury Composite, Grade 12
Aslan	Acrylic	Marisa Irvine Ardrossan, Grade 12
A Self Portrait	Graphite	Avery Ackroyd Bev Facey, Grade 10
Toronto Red	Photograph	Lauren Davison-Taljit Bev Facey, Grade 10
Interstellar	Acrylic	Lexi Schroter Salisbury Composite, Grade 12
Challengingly Directioned	Digital Art	Ashley Ackerman Strathcona Christian Academy, Grade 12
Around the Tree	Graphite	Marissa Ozdemir Salisbury Composite, Grade, Grade 11
Black Dahlia	Charcoal, Ink	Uzochi Ukiwe Strathcona Christian Academy, Grade 12
Jeremy	Scratchboard	Kennedy Dugay Salisbury Composite, Grade, Grade 10

Our Strategic Goals

Goal 4 - Municipal Excellence

Goal 2 Priority - A diverse, welcoming, inclusive, and an accessible community for all

Goal 4 Priority - Optimal use of resources that meets the community's needs

Report

The function of the Art Collection Advisory Committee is to guide selection of art acquisitions for Strathcona County's Art Collection through the development of the guidelines and criteria. The selection panel which has both Advisory Committee members and local artists recommend the pieces to be added to the permanent collection.

The selection panel members are all practicing artists and Strathcona County residents. The panel members are as follows.

- Kristen Levitt
- Sandra Nixon
- Roxanne Newby
- Ariane Inman
 - Indigenous artist

In the adult category, 44 artists submitted artwork for a total of 71 artworks. The recommended purchases for the 2025 Annual Art Acquisition program totals \$17,877. \$11,747 will be provided through the operational budget for 2025 and \$6,130 will be allocated from the public art reserves to address diversity gaps. These pieces will be displayed in the Artrium for a year and then placed throughout various Strathcona County facilities.

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In the youth category there were 210 artworks submitted by 90 students at the Art Society of Strathcona County's *Student Art Show, Competition and Sale* at the A.J. Ottewell Center. Fourteen of the youth pieces will be displayed at the Gemstone Gallery for one year.

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Council and Committee History

May 28, 2024	Council approved the 2024 Annual Art Acquisitions.
July 8, 2014	Council approved the Strathcona County Public Art Plan. Thereafter, the Permanent Art Collection Committee is known as the Art Collection Advisory Committee.
October 20, 1987	Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Strathcona County Permanent Art Collection Committee (Resolution #1097/87). The

	Committee has made recommendations annually for the purchase of artworks.
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Other Impacts**Policy:** Cultural Services Policy SER-011-012**Legislative/Legal:** n/a**Financial/Budget:** Strathcona County's Art Collection Budget for 2025 is \$11,005.00**Interdepartmental:** n/a**Master Plan/Framework:** n/a**Communication Plan**

Media Release

Enclosures

- 1 2025 Recommended art acquisitions presentation