

2025/3 - Call for Indigenous Artists

PROJECT

Vancouver Coastal Health is seeking an Indigenous artist from the Host Nations (Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, or Tsleil-Waututh Nation) to design artwork for a new community health care centre in Vancouver.

The project teams aim to:

- (1) Honour the Host Nations on whose territories the facilities are located; and
- (2) Create a welcoming and inclusive space for Indigenous clients seeking service at the sites.

ARTIST ELGIBILITY CRITERIA

Host Nation	Identify as Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw or Tsleil-Waututh
Samples of Art	Provide four to six samples of artistic ability for Coast Salish digital design.

OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity is to incorporate Indigenous artwork across the VCH facility, creating a welcoming and culturally safe space for clients seeking services at this location. This initiative aligns with Recommendation 10 from the In Plain Sight Report, emphasizing the inclusion of Indigenous artwork, signage, and territorial acknowledgment.

The timeline, project milestones, and payment schedule will be determined according to the selected project and agreed upon in a contract to be finalized upon the selection of the Indigenous artist.

Note: The selected artist will be asked to develop a concept that reflects the overarching themes and will be invited to meet with the VCH team to learn more about the facility and its services.

CONTACTS

Sue Richardson, Indigenous Engagement	susan.richardson@vch.ca
Daniela Segatto, Community Engagement	daniela.segatto@vch.ca

2024/2025 Artwork Projects for Vancouver Area

Description of location / services	Opportunities for Artwork
<p>Community Health Care Centre</p> <p>Vancouver Coastal Health is seeking to incorporate Indigenous artwork into a new community health care centre in Vancouver. This initiative will involve engaging with Host Nations and collaborating with selected artist(s) to determine the project's scope and vision.</p> <p>This project offers over 18 opportunities for art placement and aims to incorporate themes identified through engagement. The artist will provide digital files according to the measurements specified by the project team for installation throughout the facility, including walls, windows, and doors. The final files must be print-ready for the vendor to produce and install.</p> <p>The project aims to create a welcoming and inclusive space for clients seeking services at the site.</p> <p>Theme: Successful artist will be invited to the engagement and to meet with the VCH project team to learn more about how the themes will also be used for wayfinding.</p>	<p>To design artworks for installation throughout the facility (please see appendix 1), with VCH responsible for installation.</p> <p>Artist design fee: Up to \$ 21,000</p> <p>Application Deadline: April 28, 2025</p> <p>Artwork draft due: By June 2025</p> <p>Artwork final design due: By July 2025</p>

SUBMISSION PROCESS

<p>1. Expression of Interest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact information: email and phone number • Nation Affiliation: Musqueam, Squamish or Tsleil-Waututh • Brief statement about your work, digital design experience, incorporating Coast Salish design and your interest in this artwork.
<p>2. Previous art experience</p>	<p>Provide 4 – 6 samples of previous digital work that has been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include details of the samples provided (e.g., size, location, software). • At least two Coast Salish traditional design(s)
<p>Submission</p> <p>Please send an email containing the information above to susan.richardson@vch.ca and daniela.segatto@vch.ca</p>	

SELECTION CRITERIA

The artist will be selected by a panel including representatives from the Host Nations and VCH. The panel will review the submissions and select the artist. The artist will then be notified and scheduled to meet with the team to discuss the artwork and visit the facility.

If you have been awarded a contract for an art project with VCH in the last six months, please note we may give preference to new applicants.

Criteria

Coast Salish art design (Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, Tsleil-Waututh)

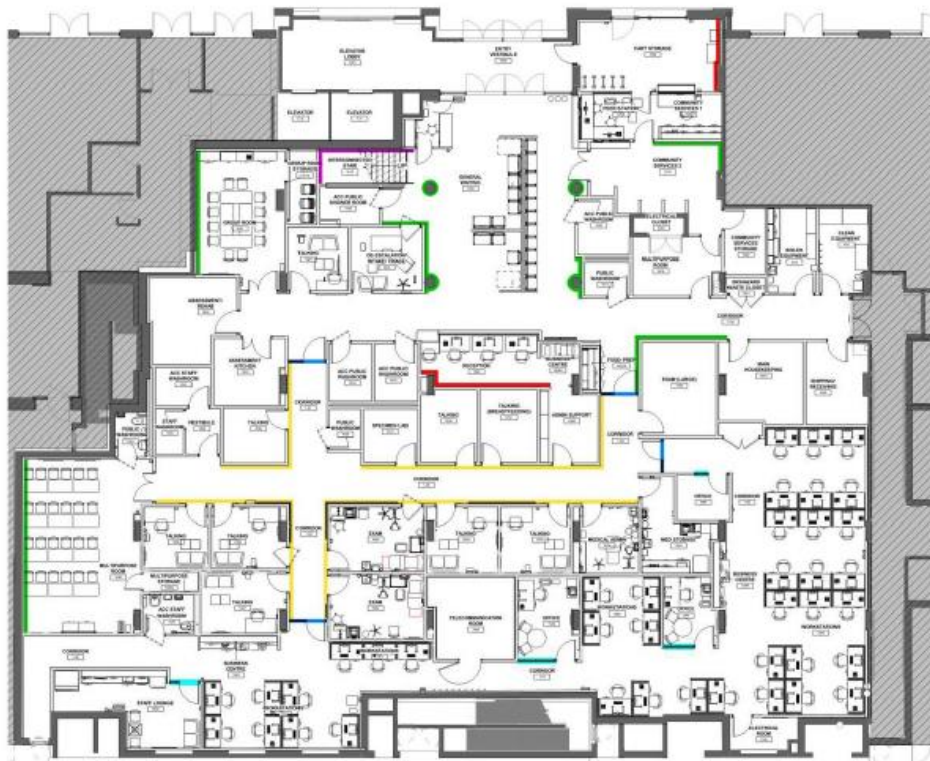
Artistic knowledge based on samples provided

Connection to the project

DEADLINE**Application Deadline: April 28, 2025****Estimated Decision: May 5, 2025**

APPENDIX 1 – The following are examples of areas identified for artwork placement. The selected artist will receive a detailed package with specific placement locations and measurements.

LEVEL 1 - ARTWORK LOCATIONS










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|  | WALL VINYL w/ VCH RECEPTION/ENTRY SIGNAGE |  | GLAZING VINYL ON PUBLIC CORRIDOR DOORS/LITES |  | PARTIAL-HEIGHT WALL VINYL IN CORRIDORS ABOVE WALL PROTECTION, ACCENT VINYL ART DEAL ON DOORS AND ACCENT PANELS, ARTORK FOR ROOM SIGNAGE |

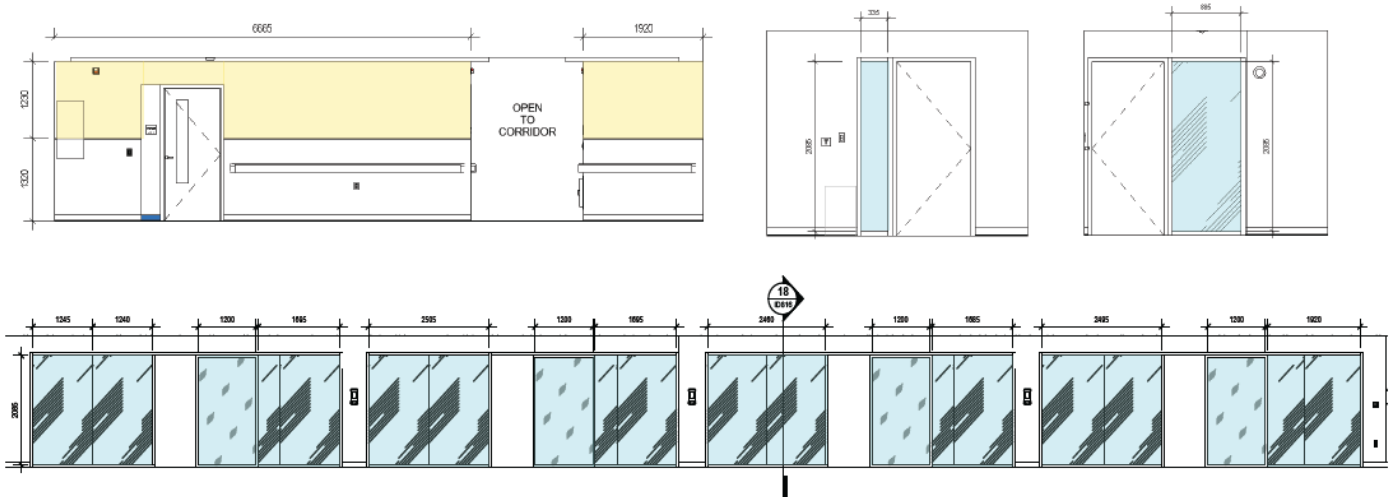
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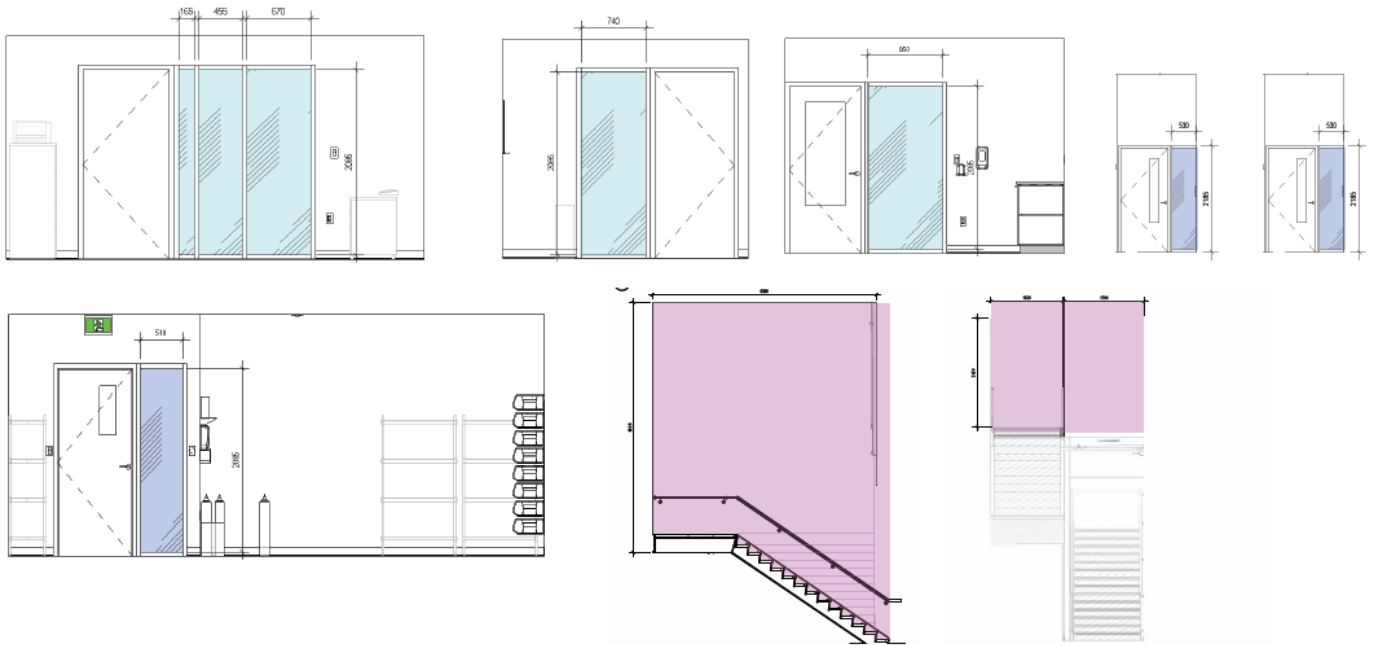
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