

CALL FOR ARTIST EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

WALMART SQUAMISH - EXTERIOR MURAL OPPORTUNITY

Walmart store #1015 (located at 39210 Discovery Way, Squamish BC) invites Expressions of Interest from Squamish (Skwxwu7mesh) Nation artist teams for the design and creation of two exterior wall murals for the western elevation of the store. The artwork will incorporate traditional Squamish design elements, local culture, and physical heritage, providing meaningful opportunities for placemaking and storytelling, and fostering a uniquely Squamish context.

ARTWORK BUDGET: One (1) artist and/or artist team will be selected for the public art opportunity. The artist or team will receive **\$30,000.00** for their work, which includes the artist/artist team fee, detailed design, materials, equipment rentals as required, insurance, installation, and documentation..

ELIGIBILITY: Open call to Squamish Nation artists and artist teams, including youth and elders, emerging, mid-career, and established artists with experience creating exterior wall murals.

DEADLINE FOR EOI SUBMISSIONS: Thursday March 5th, 2026 at 4:00pm PST

INQUIRIES

For questions or assistance with submissions please contact:

Ballard Fine Art
604.922.6843
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The murals are intended for two exterior sections of the Western facade, adding vibrancy to the newly renovated Walmart storefront, to be completed in August 2026.

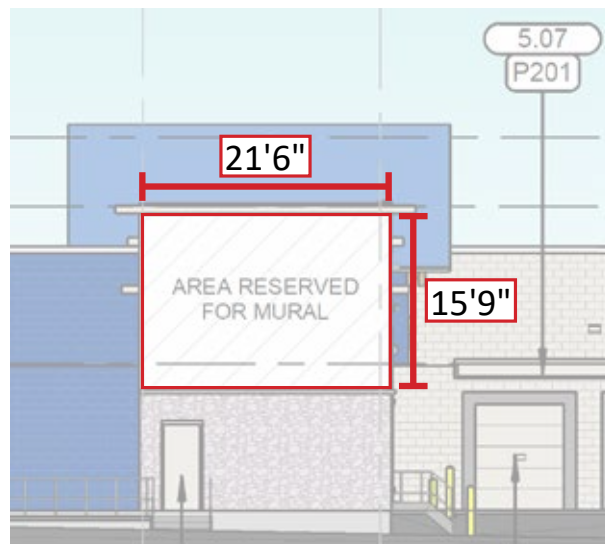
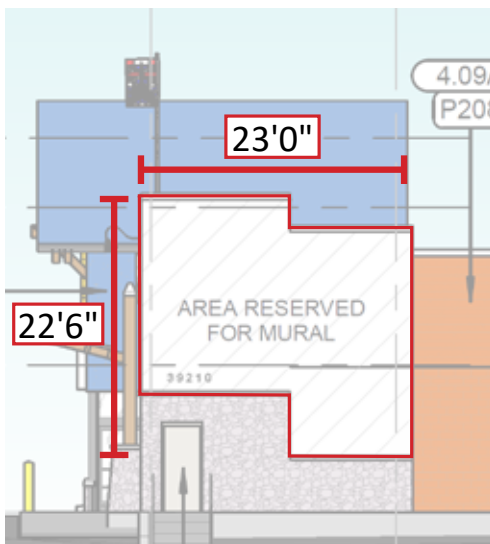
The walls are approximately 23' 0" by 22' 6" and 21' 6" by 15' 9" respectively, with a combined surface area of 670 square feet (372 S.F. and 298 S.F.)

Walmart Store #1015 commits to maintaining the artwork as part of its overall asset management and maintenance program, and the mural locations have been selected to mitigate potential risks of vandalism.

The murals are scheduled to be completed by July 31st 2026, to coincide with the completion of the store's overall renovations. The artists' availability to complete the project within this timeframe will be a consideration when reviewing artist submissions.



■ Artwork site location



4 PROPOSED WEST ELEVATION
A2.00 1/16" = 1'-0"

ELEVATION SIGNAGE AREA - 126 SF (11.7 SM)

AREA RESERVED FOR MURAL - 372 SF (34.6 SM) + 298 SF (27.7 SM) = 670 SF (62.3 SM)

SELECTION PROCESS

ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS

Eligible artists are invited to submit Expressions of Interest (including artist statement or brief artist story about the proposed artwork, images of previous work relevant to the project, and complete artist contact information).

The artist selection process will be completed as follows:

Stage One:

All artist EOI submissions will be reviewed by Walmart.

Stage Two:

Walmart will create a shortlist of artists based on:

- Relevant artistic experience and technical capability
- Alignment of conceptual approach with project goals
- Quality and relevance of previous work

Stage Three:

Shortlisted artists and/or artist teams will be asked to create a concept proposal for presentation to Walmart. Each shortlisted artist and/or artist team will be paid an honorarium of **\$1,000.00** for their concept proposal presentations.

Following the presentations, Walmart will select a final artist or artist team for the public art opportunity. The selected artist or artist team will be awarded **\$30,000.00** to complete the artwork commission.

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

Expression of Interest Submission Deadline	Thursday March 5th, 2026 by 4:00pm PST
Artists Shortlisted (Selection Panel Meeting).....	February 2026
Concept Proposal Presentations.....	March 2026
Final Artist Selected	March 2026
Design Development Phase	April-June 2026
Installation and Completion	July 31st 2026

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Artist statement or brief artist story about the proposed artwork.
2. Images of previous work (up to 10 images) demonstrating relevant experience with traditional Squamish design elements, large-scale fabrication, or public art. Digital images should be no more than 2MB each. Please do not submit original artworks
3. Complete artist contact information including current resume/CV

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