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Mulock Park Public Art Plan Staff Report to Council

Report Number: 2022-34

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Meeting Date: May 30, 2022

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Mulock Park Public Art Plan dated May 30, 2022 be received; and,
2. That the Mulock Park Public Art Plan as attached, be endorsed; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Mulock Park Public Art Plan that has been developed by consultants ART+ PUBLIC UnLtd, in consultation with lead architects, PLANT Architects.

Background

Public Art will play an integral role in the creation of iconic spaces within Mulock Park.

To develop a fully comprehensive plan for the site, ART + PUBLIC UnLtd was engaged through our architects, PLANT Architects. The process of plan development began in August 2021 with information gathering and research. Extensive stakeholder engagement followed.

In November 2021, a public art high level strategy was presented to Council. This was followed by an update on the strategy and progress to the general public through a PIC in December 2021.

ART + PUBLIC UnLtd, took the feedback from Council and public on the strategy to develop the comprehensive plan attached.

Discussion

The public art program vision states: Public Art at Mulock Park celebrates the landscape through a lens of innovation to highlight stories across past, present and future that expand our understanding of nature and our relationship to the land.

This vision will be realized through 4 key program components: embedded permanent art, art opportunities across the site, the artist studio and temporary programming. These program components are fully explained within the attached plan.

Conclusion

The Mulock Park Public Art Plan sets forth a roadmap that will maximize the benefits of public art in creating an iconic space and a memorable experience within Mulock Park.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

Creating Extraordinary Spaces and Places

Consultation

The extensive consultation process is laid out within the plan and presentation.

Human Resource Considerations

Human resource considerations are included within the plan. As staff work through the operationalization of components of the plan, further staffing considerations may be considered as part of the annual budget process.

Budget Impact

Budget impacts are addressed within the plan.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Mulock Public Art Plan

Approval

Jeff Payne, Commissioner, Community Services

Peter Noehammer, Commissioner, Development & Infrastructure Services

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