

**Subject: Alternative Site Locations for Reflections on the River
Public Art****APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

There is no administrative recommended motion. Council may consider the options outlined within the alternatives section of the report.

Summary:

On June 12, 2018, Council received and accepted a report as information about the Reflections on the River Public Art Installation along the MacDonald Drive Causeway and Realignment of the Water Aerodrome Departure Airway. There has been continued interest through social media and in the public regarding the approved location for the establishment of the art piece and a general concern regarding lack of parking and access to the proposed location. Administration has prepared this report to consider alternative locations for installation of the Reflection on the River artwork to address concerns about the installation location on MacDonald Drive. Initial assessments of Borealis Park and the Snye areas have been conducted.

Background:

In 2015, public consultation regarding the creation and installation of the regions first public art program piece was initiated. As part of the site selection process, over 200 residents participated in two open house sessions to identify the preferred location for the art. The MacDonald Island Area was the most recommended location.

On June 29, 2015, in alignment with the Public Art Policy (PRL-160), the Council Appointed Public Art Committee recommended MacDonald Drive as the preferred site. Between November and December 2015, 1,100 respondents also responded to a public survey to select the artwork. The original art installation was scheduled to occur in 2016 but was delayed due to the Horse River Wildfire. Work to move the project forward

commenced in 2017 for installation to occur in 2018.

In March, 2018, as part of a public communication plan about Reflections on the River public art installation, a concern about flight path safety of the Water Aerodrome was brought to the attention of Administration. After raising safety concerns with Administration about the installation of the Public Art Piece, the Municipality and the Aerodrome Operator reached a mutually agreeable solution on April 25, 2018, which facilitates the installation of the artwork on the MacDonald Drive Causeway and safe take-off and landing of float planes on the Snye. However, some concerns remain including limited availability of onsite parking in the current proposed art installation location.

Alternatives:

1. Consider leaving the art installation at the current approved location in accordance with the Public Art Committee's recommendation;
2. Consider site option two (2) as outlined in the contract agreement between the Municipality and the Artist which is located further down MacDonald Drive (as indicated in attachment 1 - proposed site locations);
3. Consider site option at Borealis Park in alignment with the Public Art Committee's recommended alternative location prior to the artwork being designed.
4. Consider site option to move the art installation to Snye Point Park.

Budget/Financial Implications:

The total budget spent to date on the MacDonald Drive site preparation is \$30,686. In addition, a total of \$202,382 has been paid to the artist for engineering and fabrication of the artwork designed for the primary location on MacDonald Drive. Installation of the artwork is currently scheduled for this summer.

If an alternative site location is selected, any additional or unforeseen costs would be taken from the Public Art Reserve Fund in alignment with Public Art Policy.

Rationale for Recommendation:

There has been continued interest through social media and in the public regarding the approved location for the establishment of the art piece and a general concern regarding lack of parking and access to the proposed location.

Strategic Priorities:

Downtown Revitalization

Attachments:

1. Proposed Site Locations