



## MURAL REGULATIONS

### BYLAW NO. 2791

A Bylaw to regulate murals upon walls within the City of Langley.

WHEREAS the City of Langley deems it expedient and necessary to protect the theme of the project and to regulate the design of future murals; and

WHEREAS the Local Government Act authorizes a local government to regulate the number, size, type, form, appearance and location of any sign, and enacts as follows:

#### 1. Title

- (1) This Bylaw may be cited as the “Mural Regulation Bylaw, 2009, No. 2791”.

#### 2. Definitions

- (1) *City* means the City of Langley.
- (2) *City Council* means the Council of the City of Langley.
- (3) *Recreation, Culture and Public Arts Committee (RCPAC)* means the Committee appointed by the City Council for purposes of this Bylaw.
- (4) *Mural* means an artist rendering, picture, design or drawing painted or otherwise applied to a building face which is intended as a public sign display and depicts the quality of life in the City and surrounding areas while promoting the branding of the City – “The Place to Be”.

#### 3. Murals

- (1) No mural, picture, design or drawing shall be painted, affixed or displayed on the exterior side of any wall, roof, or other structure within the City, except in the manner as hereinafter provided.
- (2) Any person, organization, firm or corporation proposing to paint, affix or display any mural within the City shall first submit such proposal to the RCPAC in such form and in such detail as may be reasonably required by the RCPAC and in accordance with the Mural Guidelines which are attached to, and form part of this bylaw.
- (3) On receiving such a proposal, the RCPAC shall review such proposal and may request such additional detail and information as may be reasonably required, and shall meet as a Committee and review such proposal.
- (4) On completion of the review of such proposal by the RCPAC, the applicant shall submit (with a letter of approval from the RCPAC) to City Council, details of any such proposal and recommend

- to the City Council that any such proposal be approved or rejected.
- (5) On receipt of such report and recommendation from the RCPAC, the City Council may either accept or reject such recommendation.
  - (6) The City Council shall communicate such decisions to the RCPAC in a timely manner.
  - (7) No person, group, firm, organization or Corporation, once any such proposal has been approved in the manner herein provided shall paint, affix or display any mural, picture, design, or drawing on the exterior side of any wall, roof or any other structure within the City of Langley except in strict accordance with the proposal as approved.
  - (8) The City of Langley assumes responsibility for the general maintenance and upkeep of the murals on civic buildings. If murals on privately owned buildings require repair, these repairs will be the responsibility of the same individual, company, or organization that proposed and initiated the mural and/or their successors. If repairs to murals fall behind and if reasonable warning has been given, the City reserves the right to remove and/or replace a poorly maintained mural at its discretion at the property owner's expense.
  - (9) An application fee, in the amount prescribed in Schedule I of the Fees and Charges bylaw, shall accompany an application for a mural.
  - (10) Existing murals, which were in place before January 8, 2001, will not be subject to removal as a result of this Bylaw.

#### **4. Enforcement by Municipal Ticket**

- (1) This bylaw may be enforced by means of a ticket issued under the City's Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw.

#### **5. Penalty and Collection and Fees**

- (1) Any person who paints, affixes or displays a mural, picture, design or drawing on the exterior side of any wall, roof, or other structure within the City not approved pursuant to this Bylaw, commits an offence and is liable to a fine of \$50.00 for every day the offence continues.
- (2) Where under this bylaw the City is authorized or required to provide work or services to premises, and the costs incurred by the City in carrying out such work or services are not paid when due and payable, the City may recover these costs from the owner of the premises in the same manner and with the same remedies as ordinary taxes and, if the costs remain unpaid on December 31, they shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears.

#### **6. Severability**

- (1) If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.

**7. Repeal**

(1) Mural Regulation Bylaw, 2000, No. 2236 and all amendments thereto are repealed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this seventh day of December, 2009

FINALLY ADOPTED this fourteenth day of December, 2009.

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***MAYOR***

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***CORPORATE OFFICER***

## MURAL GUIDELINES

The subject of the proposed mural must be a portrayal representation of the quality of life in Langley City promoting the branding of the City.

- A. The mural must dominate the designated wall space without being obstructed by signage or other material.
- B. The artist must have previously produced exterior wall murals of high quality or submit a portfolio of work for review by the RCPAC.
- C. Mural walls will:
  - ii) not be on the front façade of a building;
  - iii) be located such that it will not be obstructed by parking (alternatively, murals shall be at least 1.5 metres above ground level;
  - iv) be constructed of a suitable medium for painting;
  - v) be sited to permit unobstructed viewing;
  - vi) be illuminated with appropriate lighting designed into the building without reflecting onto nearby property; and
  - vii) be framed or accented through shrubbery or landscaped borders, where possible.
- D. The RCPAC may request such further information or details as may be required to properly evaluate the project.
- E. Should a mural project be submitted which has serious shortcomings, the Mural Committee will use its best efforts to assist the submitting organization or individual to bring the standards of the proposed mural into line with the criteria in order to make a favourable recommendation to City Council.



## EXPLANATORY MEMO

### MURAL REGULATIONS BYLAW NO. 2791

The proposed bylaw is intended to replace Mural Regulations Bylaw No. 2236 which regulates murals upon walls in the City of Langley as it does not reflect the role the Recreation, Culture and Public Art Advisory Committee has in making recommendations regarding proposed murals.

The Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2793 and the Ticket and Information Utilization Bylaw No. 2794 are moving forward concurrently to support the proposed changes to the Mural Regulations Bylaw.