

# CITY OF WHITEHORSE COUNCIL POLICY

**POLICY:**           **ART COLLECTION**

**PURPOSE:**        To provide guidelines for the acquisition, display and disposal of the City of Whitehorse art collection.

**AUTHORITY:**     Council Resolution # 97-02-08 dated January 27, 1997

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### **BACKGROUND:**

In 1995 Council asked administration to clarify procedures for the renting, acquisition and disposal of art.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

"acquisition" means the permanent acquisition of any piece of art for the art collection by purchase, barter, donation, receiving as a gift, or on the basis of permanent loan, and shall include rental of works for display in City of Whitehorse buildings.

"art" means traditional and contemporary paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, photographs and other materials pertaining to the visual arts.

"art collection" means the works of art deemed by the majority of Council to be appropriate for inclusion in the collection.

"City" means the City of Whitehorse.

"Council" means the Council of the City of Whitehorse.

"disposal" means the permanent removal of a piece of the art collection and includes the sale, barter, donation or presentation as a gift, and also includes the removal where damaged beyond repair or for any reason deemed appropriate by Council.

### **AUTHORITY:**

1. The Mayor shall have the authority to rent art as deemed appropriate to a maximum rental fee of \$2,400.00 annually.
2. The City Clerk and City Manager, in consultation with the Mayor, shall have the authority to make art purchases up to and including a value of \$500.00.
3. Council shall by resolution approve the disposal of all art and the purchase of any art over and above \$500.00.

4. The City Clerk, City Manager, Mayor and representatives from the local art community such as the Yukon Art Centre, Yukon Arts Society and Society of Yukon Artists of Native Ancestry, in consultation with a qualified art appraiser, shall review any proposal for purchase or disposition of artwork valued in excess of \$5,000.00 and make a recommendation to Council.

GENERAL:

5. The place of residence of the artist will not be a consideration regarding the acquisition of a piece for the collection except that where all things are considered equal, preference will be given to a local artist.
6. The piece of art should reflect the Yukon in style or topic.
7. Subject to special circumstances, the newly acquired pieces of art will first be displayed in Council Chambers.
8. The Manager of Maintenance and Safety Services shall be responsible for control of the collection with regard to arrangements for hanging, display and relocation.
9. The Manager of Bylaw Services shall establish and maintain a security system for the art collection as deemed appropriate.
10. The Manager of Finance shall establish and maintain insurance coverage for the art collection.
11. Council may by resolution allow all or part of the art collection to be borrowed for display at a location other than within City premises. There shall be included in this resolution specific information regarding the location and duration of the display.
12. In all situations where all or part of the art collection is borrowed for display in other than City premises, the borrower shall have insurance coverage for the art. This insurance coverage shall be approved in writing by the Manager of Finance and shall be in force prior to the relocation of the art.
13. Council may by resolution dispose of any piece of the art collection.
14. Council may consider setting aside funds in each annual budget to allow for the acquisition of further items for the art collection.

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