

**Update on Public Art for the Tom Davies Square Courtyard**  
**Planning Services Division**  
**Report Date: January 4, 2021**

## **BACKGROUND**

Council passed the following motion on June 26, 2015:

“THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves the following project for application of funding for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program: 4. Tom Davies Square – Courtyard Improvements;

AND THAT any funds received for the courtyard project be dedicated to public art and other cultural elements as part of the courtyard improvements;

AND THAT The City of Greater Sudbury includes the projects in the 2016 Capital Budget Plan with appropriate municipal funding if funding application(s) are approved” (See Reference 1).

The City eventually received \$100,000 from the Federal Government for the public art (See Reference 2).

The City commenced the redesign of the Tom Davies Square Courtyard in 2017 (See Reference 3). With these monies, the City commissioned 7 benches with public art display areas (See Attachment A).

Each bench can sit four people. They complement the design of the new Courtyard as they are shaped like a top of a canoe with an area for each bench to display public art. These benches were delivered on October 22, 2020 (See Attachment A).

## **Call to Artists**

The City will be launching a Call to Artists, inviting artists to submit proposals for art in the courtyard benches. The themes for the public art pieces are "community" "people" and "water". These themes were selected as these were the most often mentioned as part of the public engagement for the Tom Davies Courtyard Redesign in 2016. The budget for this art call is \$30,000.

Staff is currently finalizing the procurement elements; the details of which will soon be communicated to the community.

## **References**

1. **Council resolution CC2015-207, passed on June 23, 2015**  
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=817&itemid=rec>
2. **“Canada 150 Grant”, February 28, 2017 report to Council**  
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=feed&action=file&agenda=report&itemid=26&id=1122>

3. **“Tom Davies Square Courtyard Project”, April 11, 2017 report to Council**  
<https://agendasonline.greatersudbury.ca/index.cfm?pg=agenda&action=navigator&id=1125&itemid=12932&lang=en>