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Town of Gibsons Announces Art Path Selections

June 1, 2022 – The Town of Gibsons announced today that five pieces of art have been selected for installation along the Town’s new Public Art Path, which will be developed in future phases to run from the Town’s entrance at Gibsons Creek (near the Chek’welp Squamish Lands), through Lower Gibsons, and then up the Inglis trail to Gibsons’ commercial strip on the Sunshine Coast Highway. The artwork includes:

- ‘Yoga Bear’ by Karin Taylor – a hand-sculpted, wood cellulose-bronze enamel statue of a bear in yoga pose;
- ‘Wooden Mural’ by Cambria Logan – a 15’ x 8’ hand-crafted wood mural depicting a Sunshine Coast scene; constructed from multiple layers of cedar and fir boards;
- ‘Macro Forest Images’ by Alan Sirulnikoff – 8 close-up photographic images of natural fauna from local forests, presented as a gallery in the trees that frames a forest trailhead;
- ‘Viewfinder’ by Janine Dunn – an interactive life-sized sculpture created from reclaimed weathered logs, paired with welded, marine-grade aluminum; and
- ‘Breaching Whale’ by David Evanson – a 7’ abstract form, carved from a single 200-year-old yellow cedar log, highlighted with a natural, clear finish.

The artwork was selected by the Town’s Public Arts Advisory Committee, with criteria including overall creativity, suitability for time and place, and capacity to endure as a potentially permanent display. Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewíyelh, the Squamish Nation Department of Language and Affairs, will be working with the Committee to direct an inclusion of Indigenous art and cultural knowledge for the path.

“We received 19 excellent artist’s proposals in response to our call for submissions and narrowing them down to just five was incredibly difficult,” said Mayor Bill Beamish. *“We offer congratulations to the successful artists and greatly look forward to unveiling the chosen pieces as they are created and installed.”*

The Public Art Path project is fully funded by a grant received through the [THRIVE Small Capital Program](#), which supports new, innovative and concept-driven small capital initiatives that drive new vitality to downtown, Main Street or business districts. More details about the Public Art Path can be found at gibsons.ca/public-art-path.

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