



# Call to Artists

**Deadline for Submissions:**

Friday, November 22, 2013 at 12 noon

**Commission and award announcement:**

Monday, December 16, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Please send all applications electronically to:

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The Olde Riverside Town Centre Business Association and the City of Windsor is inviting artists to participate in an art sculpture project. We require the design of two sculptures to be situated at each of the entrances to our Business Association. The art pieces will be situated in the medians located at Thompson Blvd and Jefferson Blvd.

**Project Intent**

The history of Olde Riverside is that of Rum Runners and we want to have that history demonstrated through this project. This business district is located one block south of the Detroit River, 5400 to 5900 Wyandotte Street East and it is this close proximity to the river which we have been using as our theme for many years. Currently there are five murals within the Business Association depicting mariner life, so therefore we are seeking dimensional artwork for this project. There is electrical power available in both medians. Applications may be made for one or both locations.

**Eligibility**

The competition is open to artists living within Canada.

**Budget**

Total budget for this project is \$80,000 for both pieces. This fee will be inclusive of all project costs including but not limited to:

- Artist fees
- General administration expenses
- All materials and labour
- Fabrication costs including third contracted or third party fees
- Shipping, delivery and installation costs including equipment rentals, labour, utility locates, structural/foundation work (foundation needs to consider wind load)
- Stamped engineering drawings need to be provided to the City of Windsor staff prior to the installation of the piece(s)
- Artist to confirm that the contractor meets all the required criteria under the City's purchasing and risk management criteria including Bond, WSIB and insurance.

## **Selection Criteria**

- (25%) Sensitivity and relevance to the subject of the theme, Rum Runners, Mariner and close proximity to the Detroit River
- (25%) Creativity of approach to the theme
- (25%) Technical Capacity to include: Durability and maintenance requirements, understanding of project and methodology. Consideration of location where pieces will be installed.
- (25%) Experience to include: capacity to plan and execute a large scale sculpture, quality of work as demonstrated in documentation of past work.

## **Site Considerations**

The locations are the medians at Thompson Blvd. and Jefferson Blvd., along Wyandotte Street East in Windsor, Ontario. Wyandotte Street East is a six lane (one lane parking north, and one lane parking south), road within a well-established residential and business neighbourhood. The pieces for the medians will have to be approved by Traffic Engineering for the City of Windsor to ensure that safety aspects are met. The artist will be required to provide engineer stamped drawings of their proposed design and installation procedures in order to ensure a secure foundation. Wind loads must also be taken into consideration. Pieces shall take into consideration site lines for visibility, must not impede any emergency or vehicular circulation, and needs to conform to all the requirements of the Ontario Highway and Safety Act (OHTSA)

The selected sculptures will not feature any nudity, contemporary political themes or religious imagery, nor will they promote violence, hatred, or contempt against any group on the basis of colour, race, ancestry, religion, or ethnic origin.

## **Submission to include:**

- A letter of interest
- Current artist curriculum vitae of all collaborative members
- Electronic access to an online portfolio
- A project description and renderings of their proposed design
- Image and identification sheet to include size and materials used in proposed sculpture
- Project timelines
- Names and contact information of three references familiar with your work
- A completed Submission Checklist (included in this document)

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## **The Selection Committee**

The Olde Riverside Sculpture Selection Committee will evaluate the design proposals and will select an artist(s) to fabricate and install their design using the selection criteria listed above.

The Olde Riverside Sculpture Selection Committee may consist of representatives from the Olde Riverside Town Centre Board of Directors, Merchants, and the City of Windsor.



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