VANCOUVER PARK BOARD ARTS POLICY

ART INSTALLATION OF FOUND AND RECYCLED MATERIALS
The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation confirms its mandate in the arts and recognizes the arts as an essential element in a vital, creative and balanced city and seeks to actively facilitate participation in and access to the arts for all.

**VISION**
The Park Board holds a vision of a city where the arts are an integral part of everyday life; where community cultural development processes strengthen civil society, where parks and community centres reflect the cultural vitality of the community and where people are able to learn and express creativity in ways that build healthy communities.

**CREATIVITY**
The inherent human capacity for creativity promotes wellbeing and generates innovative thinking and action.

**INCLUSION**
Equitable access and inclusion are priorities in a city where diversity is a key element in our demographic makeup.

**COMMUNITY**
The connectivity provided by community of interest or neighbourhood, strengthens the social safety net, develops leadership and supports democratic decision making.

**COLLABORATION**
Resources are used most effectively when individuals, groups and organizations define common interests and work together toward them.
1) COMMUNITY CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
The Park Board contributes to the health of communities through community cultural development processes linking artists and community members who address issues of shared interest.

2) PUBLIC REALM
The Park Board provides a vibrant public realm and supports the experience of public art and cultural events in parks.

3) LEARNING
In partnership with Community Associations, the Park Board provides learning opportunities for personal growth and community development in and through the arts.

4) EXPERIENCE
The Park Board establishes avenues for young and emerging artists and artists of diverse cultures to gain experience.

5) INNOVATION AND TRADITION
The Board values both innovation and tradition in the arts and takes measures to implement new and creative ventures as well as maintaining cultural and civic traditions.

6) RECOGNITION OF ARTISTS
Recognizing the role that artists play in society and the expertise that they carry, the Park Board affirms that artists must be fairly paid for their work.

7) STAFFING
Seeing arts qualifications as a significant asset to an Organization, the Park Board seeks opportunities to recruit staff with professional background or experience in the arts.

8) PARTNERSHIPS
The Park Board works with artists, arts organizations and community partners to expand the opportunities for the experience of art in everyday life.

9) FACILITIES AND PLANNING
The Park Board provides specialized arts facilities and park elements and, recognizing the unique skills that artists bring to the creation of a dynamic city, includes artists in the planning of parks and facilities.
DRAWING TO SAVE THE BIRDS

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