District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 6, 2022	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Re: Artistic Town Mapping	

Background: In previous Council Meetings, Council indicated a desire to research the feasibility of obtaining an artistic/character map of Barriere as a fun, eye-catching way to promote the community's tourism and economic development while also providing directional mapping.

Discussion: District staff have been in contact with two Canadian artists who specialize in these types of artistic maps:

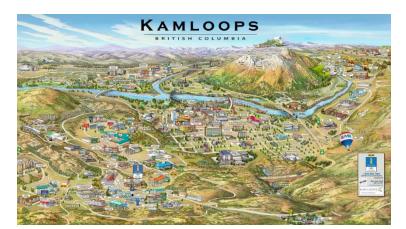
Larry Hunter – located in British Columbia. Portfolio includes (but not limited to)
Keremeos, Naramata, Penticton and Summerland (see larger examples attached to this
report)

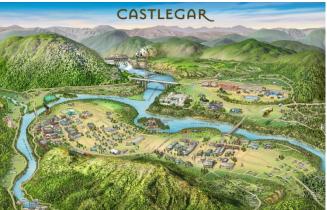






2. **Jean-Louis Rheault** – located in Montreal. Portfolio includes (but not limited to) Kamloops, Castlegar, Vernon, Kelowna (see larger examples attached to this report)







Pricing

Both artists are well experienced and accomplished with two different styles but have similar estimated pricing of approximately \$5,000 for the execution of the artwork itself. Pricing for printing, posters and/or billboard signage would be at an additional cost through a separate provider and would range widely depending on type, size and quantity.

All of the B.C. towns included in both of these artists portfolios, were undertaken by area Chamber of Commerce offices, tourism associations or a combination of them both. Some were sourced directly by those two agencies, and others went through a media/advertising agency, "Mountain Media" (no longer in operation). Most of the community's local governments provided partial funds to the Chamber or Tourism Association for the inclusion of municipal infrastructure and facilities, as well as essential services providers (parks, recreation centres, library, schools, hospitals, post offices etc.) while local businesses and other organizations provided funds as an advertising purchase to help offset the cost of the project. Those businesses gain the benefit of being highlighted within the map and are specifically included on the map's directory.

To help fund large scale billboard type signage, businesses were able to purchase advertising space on the board. For example:



The Barriere and District Chamber of Commerce staff has indicated interest in partnering with the District on this project by handling the project promotion for inclusion of local businesses via advertising revenue, subject to Board approval. Should the Board reject participation, District staff could be tasked with handling advertising promotion, however, the timeline of the project would likely need to be extended into the new year.

Should Council choose to pursue the project and accept the recommendation, a deposit of approximately \$2,000 would be required by the artist with the remainder due upon approval of the final design.

Council would be provided proofs during the process for input and approval at various stages in the artist's development of the map.

Recommendation: That Council approve the expenditure of up to \$6000.00 from General Surplus for the commission of an artistic community map by artist, ______, and; THAT any advertising revenue received for the project be used to offset the cost of the artwork and printed materials.

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Reviewed by: Bob Payette, CAO

(attached photos for reference)



