



Call to Artists: 2022 Waterfront Snow Sculpture Competition



SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

NOTE: Links to external document sharing sites will not be accepted. Submission materials must be included as attachments in .pdf format with support material in .jpg format.

- Total combined size of attachments cannot exceed 5MB. ***Submissions that do not comply with these requirements may not be considered.***
- Please send completed information package to culture@thunderbay.ca **prior to the deadline**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ NOON (12pm - EST)

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1.0 Introduction

The City's Recreation & Culture Division is hosting its annual SnowDay at Prince Arthur's Landing, located in the City's Waterfront on Family Day, Monday, February 21, 2022 from 12-5pm. SnowDay embraces winter and is about fun, outdoor programming to get people outside enjoying the season. SnowDay's main attraction showcases unique snow sculptures creations. To ensure the safety of the artists, staff and the community, SnowDay will adhere to all COVID-19 protocols and safety measures. Families are encouraged to get out and join us at Prince Arthur's Landing to take advantage of all that winter has to offer!

2.0 Invitation to Artists & Eligibility

This competition is open to professional artists, professional artist-led **teams**, and organizations across Canada (travel restrictions permitting). Teams local to Thunder Bay are strongly encouraged to apply.

- Large block Teams – maximum 5 members per team. **8'H x 8'D x 12'W**
- Medium block Teams - maximum 4 members per team. **8'H x 8'D x 8'W**

3.0 Theme

This year, there is no suggested theme and applicants are welcome to propose their own concepts. Proposals shall still be in keeping with the spirit of the initiative as a fun, family friendly spectacle. Proposals shall also consider the typical design restrictions required to maintain public safety.

4.0 Project Specifications

Large (8'H x 8'D x 12'W) and Medium (8'H x 8'D x 8'W) Sculpture:

Artists may propose up to a maximum of three (3) concepts for selection. Multiple blocks may be requested and grouped together to make a larger or multi-part sculpture. Height cannot be increased. The submission should indicate whether additional carving time may be required. The City reserves the right to determine the total number of available blocks.

The artwork must not:

- Include any openings or climbable elements
- Incorporate materials other than snow (ex. paint, wood, stones)
- Pose a hazard in terms of position/orientation, materials used, or circulation of the site
- Exceed 10' in height
- Require artists to position themselves unsafely while carving

Carving Timeline and Requirements

Carving for all blocks must take place from **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 to Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 5pm**. Artist teams who wish to carve after dark are responsible to provide their own lighting and must indicate on their application whether a power outlet is requested. This request will be assessed and is subject to availability. These requests will be reviewed case-by-case and **must** be made at the time of application. They will not be considered at a later time. Requests for use of power must be for lights only. The use of power tools of any kind is strictly prohibited.

Tools are the sole responsibility of artist teams and must be removed from the park between active carving sessions. Artists must also specify their team's anticipated carving schedule on the application. Requests for additional carving time will be reviewed by the City on a case-by-case basis and must be made at the time of application. Teams will also be responsible to follow COVID-19 Public Health guidelines while carving their blocks.

Carving may only take place during the following times:

Wednesday, February 16: 9am – 9pm

Thursday, February 17: 9am – 9pm

Friday, February 18: 9am – 9pm

Saturday, February 19: 9am – 9pm

Sunday, February 20: 9am – 5pm

Please also note that regular hours for City staff are 8:30am-4:30pm. Outside of those hours you will have an on-call contact at the City to assist with urgent matters/inquiries. Snow removal from around sculptures during carving will occur daily at 5pm, weather permitting.

Sculptures must be complete and all equipment removed from the park by Sunday, February 20 by 5pm to allow for final snow removal. The jury will be reviewing the sculptures at 9am on Monday, February 21, 2022.

Sculpture Locations

The specific location of your sculpture will be assigned by the City at a later time. All sculptures will be located in the Prince Arthur's Landing at Marina Park.

Safety

Before carving takes place, all selected artists will be required to sign an Indemnity and Release of Liability Waiver and must send a team representative to attend an orientation/site safety meeting. The meeting date will be communicated by City staff at a later date, and is mandatory. Teams without a representative in attendance will be disqualified from participation. Carvers will be required to follow all City COVID-19 protocols and will be briefed on procedures closer to the event date. Should restrictions change, the City reserves the right to cancel the competition at its sole discretion.

5.0 Honoraria and Awards

Honorariums, Meal Tickets and Accommodation

Selected teams will receive an honorarium per sculpture.

The City will provide each Large Block Team (up to 5 members) and Medium Block Team (Up to 4 members) with a daily meal ticket for those days that the team is actively carving on-site from Wednesday, February 16 to Saturday, February 20 in the form of \$25 Waterfront District BIA bucks per carver per day. Carvers who do not sign in to carve on a given day will forfeit the right to claim meal tickets for that day.

Accommodation may be provided for teams from outside the District of Thunder Bay and is based on double-occupancy. The number of accommodations is limited and will be assigned on a first-come first-serve basis to selected eligible teams.

The City is not responsible for any additional costs incurred by the artist(s)/teams in providing a submission, travelling to the event/site visit, insurance, or creating the sculptures.

Block Sizes	Team Honorarium	Daily Meal Ticket	Accommodation
Large blocks 8'H x 8'D x 12'W	\$500 per sculpture	\$25 Waterfront District BIA per carver, per carving day. <i>Daily sign-in required.</i> Wednesday, February 16 to Saturday, February 20, 2022	Yes – Only for teams outside the District
Medium blocks 8'H x 8'D x 8'W	\$400 per sculpture	\$25 Waterfront District BIA per carver, per carving day. <i>Daily sign-in required.</i> Wednesday, February 16 to Saturday, February 20, 2022	Yes – Only for teams outside the District

Awards

SNOW SCULPTURE JURY PRIZE – awarded by a jury, \$1000 cash prize

SNOW SCULPTURE JURY HONOURABLE MENTION – awarded by a jury, \$250 cash prize

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD – awarded by votes from the public, \$500 cash prize

Sculptures that are deemed complete and eligible will be reviewed by a jury of qualified people, can include members of the City of Thunder Bay's Public Art Committee, City administration, and sponsor representatives.

Jurying will take place the morning of Monday, February 21, 2022 will be announced at the SnowDay event. Jury criteria will be based on the table provided herein.

One team will be selected by a jury to be the recipient of the \$1,000 cash prize. In addition, one team will receive an Honourable mention prize of \$250.

People's Choice Award will be awarded based on public votes submitted by ballot at the SnowDay event and through the City of Thunder Bay's social media. Online polling closes, Monday, February 28 @ 4:00pm (EST).

6.0 Timeline

Deadline for Submissions

Selection & Notification to Artists
Snow blocks available for carving
Carving Deadline
SnowDay Award Jury Meets

Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 12 pm
Week of January 17, 2022
Wednesday, February 16, 2022**
Sunday, February 20, 2022, 5pm
Monday February 21, 2022

** Requests for additional carving time will be reviewed by the City on a case-by-case basis and must be made at the time of application.

7.0 Selection Process and Criteria

The online submission must:

- Indicate the block size desired (Medium or Large)
- Indicate the number of blocks desired (Large only - maximum two)
- If requesting two Large snow blocks, indicate the desired positioning of blocks in relation to one another
- Be appropriate as public art and suitable for a family audience
- Be complete and should comply with the following requirements:
 - Complete the online application thunderbay.ca/calltoartists
 - Submission materials must be uploaded in .pdf format with support material in .jpg format. Total combined size of attachments cannot exceed 5MB.
 - **NOTE:** Links to external document sharing sites will not be accepted.

Submissions will be reviewed by a jury of qualified persons, including members of the Public Art Committee. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions. Artists may be requested to provide additional information. The City reserves the right to negotiate with the selected artist(s).

Please contact culture@thunderbay.ca prior to the deadline if you require special accommodation or assistance with the submission requirements.

	Criteria	Maximum
1	Artistic Merit <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding potential of the artwork concept(s).• Quality of work, originality, excellence and appropriateness of artistic expression to the family friendly initiative.• Does the sculpture created match the original proposal that was submitted?	10
2	Artist/Team Qualifications and professional experience of the artist(s).	5
3	Compliance to Requirements Demonstrated and assessed ability to successfully execute the project within the provided project specifications, budget and timeline. All other submission requirements.	5
	Total	20

8.0 Further Information

Contact the Events & Cultural Development Team

Email: culture@thunderbay.ca

SUBMISSION FORM – 2022 Snow Sculpture Competition (PLEASE PRINT and SCAN to *Include the following pages in your submission*)

Select Snow Block Size (please indicate below)

Large blocks 8'H x 8'D x 12'W

Amount Requested (maximum 2 per): _____

Medium blocks 8'H x 8'D x 8'W

Amount Requested (maximum 2 per): _____

Project Description (max. 500 words)

List of Support material included (max. 6, including images of proposed work and other support material)

	File Label	Description (including date, artist, artist's role, description, etc.)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

Team contact information and consent to submit signatures:

TEAM CAPTAIN/ LEAD CONTACT

1# Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Address _____ **City:** _____

Postal Code: _____ **Phone:** _____

X
Signature

#2 Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Address _____ **City:** _____

Postal Code: _____ **Phone:** _____

X
Signature

#3 Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Address _____ **City:** _____

Postal Code: _____ **Phone:** _____

X
Signature

#4 Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Address _____ **City:** _____

Postal Code: _____ **Phone:** _____

X
Signature

***5# Name:** _____ **Email:** _____

Address _____ **City:** _____

Postal Code: _____ **Phone:** _____

X
Signature

***8' x 8' x 12' ONLY**

Submission Checklist - Your online submission package must include:

*Snow Sculpture
Submission Checklist*

Application Form:

Submission Form

- * Signed and completed; includes each team member with completed contact information and signatures for each.

Project Description

- * Your vision/concept for the artwork.
- * The sculpture must be appropriate as public art and suitable for families.

Image List Provided

Support Material (Max. 6 images, not to exceed 5MB total attachment size including Submission Forms:

Drawing(s) / Visuals of the concept (up to 3 concepts)

- * Reproductions only, do not submit original artwork.

Provide diagram if requesting multiple snow blocks

Portfolio: snow, ice or other sculpture

- * Label each with dimensions, venue and year
- * If no previous experience carving snow: Provide images of other sculptural work

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Late submissions will not be accepted. If you have issues submitting, your file sizes may be exceeding the attachment limit. Please contact culture@thunderbay.ca for assistance.

THE CITY WEBSITE FOR ARTIST OPEN CALLS IS: www.thunderbay.ca/calltoartists