

City draws on local teen talent for new 'Art Time' street banners

(Penticton, BC – January 14, 2026) – The City of Penticton is adding even more colour and vibrancy to its streets by unveiling a collection of new 'Art Time' street banners, created by local teen artists.

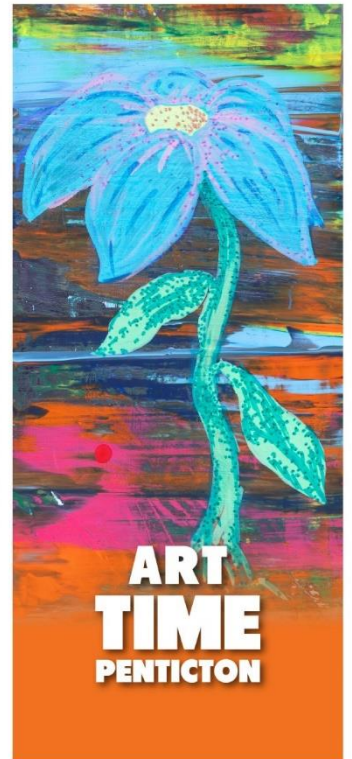
"Our residents have been asking for a new street banner to represent our community's passion for the arts, and what better way to do so than by working with the Penticton Art Gallery and some incredibly talented high school students," says Mayor Julius Bloomfield. "We were completely blown away by their designs and look forward to seeing them throughout the city."

Penticton's Time-themed street banners highlight iconic features and attractions throughout the community. The first batch of six designs was initially rolled out during the pandemic in collaboration with the Downtown Penticton Association and Visit Penticton. The collection has since been expanded to include a range of themes from dining and shopping to recreational activities such as paddling, biking, skiing and climbing.

For the 'Art Time' theme, the City worked in partnership with the gallery, art instructor Maggie Chow and the teen art class. The art was created by the following four artists (designs pictured left to right):

- Kai Halverson, Grade 11
- Ayrle Dennison, Grade 11
- Annabelle Ironside, Grade 9
- Elise Irwin, Grade 8

"It has been enriching to see this group so engaged at the gallery and to see their individual interpretations," says Jim Minshull, executive director of the Penticton Art Gallery. "I know we will see impressive work from them going forward and we are honoured to facilitate their development and boldness in their artistic expression. We are very proud of them."



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