

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee



<b>CDC Meeting Date:</b>	April 21, 2021	
<b>Name of Agenda Item:</b>	Revisions to the Mural at 610 Front Street	
<b>Section of Agenda:</b>	Discussion	
<b>Next Steps Proposed by Staff:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff revisions <input type="checkbox"/> Return to CDC <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule for full Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Other Committees <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	<b>Legal Review:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	
<b>Attachments:</b>		
Restrictive Covenant – Mural Protection at 610 Front St		
<b>Summary Statement:</b>		
<p>The City Council executed an agreement with Ron Hanson and his partner as the owners of 610 Front Street which prevents the City of Lynden from building within 10 feet of the southern property line of the building at 610 Front Street. The adjacent property being the City-owned parking lot located at Front and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. This “no-build” agreement allows the newly constructed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the building at 610 Front Street to have windows and balconies without concern that they would later be obscured by a party wall.</p> <p>The agreement also addresses the mural located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor south wall of the building. Recognizing its importance as public art the agreement requires that the owners of 610 Front Street “maintain the Mural, or a similar one that is accepted and approved by the City of Lynden, in perpetuity in exchange for a restrictive covenant on the (adjacent) City property”.</p> <p>During construction associated with the addition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the building at 610 Front, the back (north) portion of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor had to be removed as it was found to be structurally unsound. This resulted in the removal of this portion of the existing mural. Hanson investigated options regarding the repainting of this portion of the mural but found that matching the existing style of the remainder of the mural was impractical. Instead, Hanson has contracted with a mural artist to repaint an entirely new mural which highlights views of Front Street at different points in history.</p> <p>Hanson is seeking CDC approval of the new mural design consistent with Section 2 of the agreement “to maintain the mural or <u>a similar one that is accepted and approved by the City of Lynden</u>”. Mural design will be presented at the April 21 CDC meeting.</p>		
<b>Recommended Action:</b>		
Approve the new mural design as presented.		