

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	May 3, 2021	
Name of Agenda Item:	Replacement of Mural at 610 Front Street	
Section of Agenda:	Consent	
Department:	Planning Department	
Council Committee Review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	Legal Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
Attachments:		
Concept image of proposed mural, See also CDC minutes of 4-21-21 (included in this mtg package)		
Summary Statement:		
<p>The City Council executed a restrictive covenant (AF 20190900678) 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 7th Street. This “no-build” covenant allows the newly constructed 2nd and 3rd 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 covenant also addresses the mural located on the 1st 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 restrictions on the (adjacent) City property”.</p> <p>During construction associated with the addition of the 2nd and 3rd floors of the building at 610 Front, the back (north) portion of the 1st 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 images of the Netherlands, and of Front Street at different points in history. It also pays tribute to the existing mural (a streetscape that is included in the new mural).</p> <p>Hanson is seeking Council approval of the new mural design consistent with Section 2 of the covenant “to maintain the mural or <u>a similar one that is accepted and approved by the City of Lynden</u>”. Mural design was presented at the April 21 CDC meeting. The Committee’s response to the proposal was positive.</p>		
Recommended Action:		
Motion to approve the presented design concept of the mural intended to replace the existing mural on the west wall of 610 Front Street.		