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Castlegar Sculpturewalk Unveils New Sculptures for 2026 Season

CASTLEGAR, BC — May 22, 2026 — Castlegar's downtown streets are about to transform once again as Castlegar Sculpturewalk officially launches its 2026 exhibition season on May 23rd, welcoming 28 new sculptures from artists across Canada and beyond.

Recognized internationally as The Sculpture Capital of Canada™, Castlegar Sculpturewalk continues to bring large-scale contemporary sculpture into the heart of the community, turning the downtown core into an open-air gallery enjoyed by thousands of residents and visitors each year.

"This program has become something people look forward to," says Executive Director Joy Barrett. "The sculptures become part of daily life here - people meet beside them, photograph them, debate them, fall in love with them, and sometimes passionately disagree about them. That interaction is exactly what public art should do. Sculpturewalk continues to play an important role in supporting artists, encouraging tourism, and bringing economic and cultural activity to the downtown core."

Visitors are encouraged to explore the exhibition on foot and vote for their favourite sculpture in the annual People's Choice Award competition. The winning sculpture, which will be announced at Sculpturewalk's annual Night of Fire event, will be purchased for the City of Castlegar's growing permanent public art collection.

Maps and voting ballots will soon be available along the Sculpturewalk route and at locations throughout the city, with the full brochures to follow in two weeks (these will be also available at City Hall, the Castlegar & District Visitor Centre, and participating local businesses).

"This program only exists because of the incredible support we receive from our sponsors, volunteers, community partners, local businesses, and the City of Castlegar," says Barrett. "It truly is a community effort, and we're excited to welcome everyone back for another season."

For more information:

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