



# Vernon Public Art Gallery

sustain this commitment, and continue to contribute to stimulating the community and economic growth; the need for a new, larger purpose-built facility is not only essential, it is urgent.

A new facility is being proposed which would be home to the VPAG, Museum and contain a multi-purpose space for other community groups. The new facility would be the anchor for a cultural hub in downtown Vernon; it would be a showcase building that would potentially attract more downtown development.

The Vernon Public Art Gallery (VPAG) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization committed to fostering an appreciation of the visual arts for all members of the community. It began in 1945 when a Travelling Pictures Committee was established to display local and travelling exhibitions. The VPAG has evolved throughout the years and in 1995, relocated to its current (temporary) location at 3228 31st Avenue.

The VPAG plays a vital role in cultural tourism, community development and learning within the Greater Vernon region. The Gallery attracts thousands of visitors annually, conducts programming for learning, and has a network of dedicated volunteers in the community.

The VPAG presents exhibitions featuring emerging, mid-career and established artists working in a variety of media, including paintings, sculpture, multi-media and installation art. It's the largest public gallery in the North Okanagan and offers approximately 20 exhibitions per year for public viewing. The Gallery has formed a partnership with the Kelowna Art Gallery and the University of British Columbia – Okanagan, to bring world-class printmaking for viewers through the Okanagan Print Triennial. The Gallery features annual exhibitions by Vernon's School District #22 students, as well as members of the Kama? Creative Aboriginal Arts Collective, and also through the Mackie Lake House Artist in Residence program. However, in order to

On October 20th, 2018, citizens of the Greater Vernon area will have the opportunity to vote on a referendum to borrow funds to construct this much needed, new Cultural Facility. The Gallery reached maximum usage in the current and "temporary" location long ago, and the North Okanagan has the opportunity to create an outstanding facility that would create a cultural hub in our community.

A purpose built, class-A facility would provide the Gallery and Museum with increased space and climate controlled conditions, proper collections and archive storage, more educational programming, and it will open opportunities to receive world-class exhibitions and provide an economic boost in Vernon's downtown core.

Arts and culture are part of the fabric of creating a vibrant place to live, work and visit, and our cultural facilities need to grow with our city. An expanded facility will allow for increased outreach and offer larger and finer exhibitions for the enjoyment of visitors, tourists, and the citizens of Greater Vernon and the Okanagan region. Please join us on October 20 and vote yes for culture!



Hours: Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Saturdays 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. The Gallery is wheelchair accessible with easy access parking. Admission by donation. For more information visit [vernonpublicartgallery.com](http://vernonpublicartgallery.com), 250-545-3173, [info@vernonpublicartgallery.com](mailto:info@vernonpublicartgallery.com)

