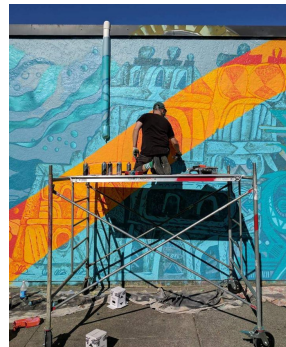


Artist in Residence: Luke Ramsey

Keep Art in Mind



"The citizens thank you for making Victoria more interesting and more beautiful. Your initiatives as Artist in Residence are an example of how this position can create honest value."

- Lloyd Chesley, Owner of Legends Comics



Artist in Residence – Keep Art in Mind

In 2016 we launched an Artist in Residence Program:

- Staff developed the program based on research into best practice and with the guidance of the Art in Public Place Committee
- Call to Artists returned 40 eligible applicants
- 5 shortlisted artists where interviewed
- Luke began his residency on November 1st, 2017.



Image: Summer Banner Workshop



Key Highlights

- Luke works 20 hours per week for a total fee of \$42,000
 - engaged more than 15 artists through paid opportunities
 - +18 local youth through the summer banner project
 - joined 2 interdepartmental working groups,
 - worked directly with 5 departments,
 - has created 10 unique artworks,
 - has executed 3 new mural works on city infrastructure,
 - has completed 1 large scale mural in partnership with a Community Association and 3 local businesses.
- Luke has access to a project budget of up to \$30,000
 - \$18,000 of his budget was distributed to artists,
 - \$9,268 of his budget flowed back into the local economy to local businesses.



Having an Artist at the Table

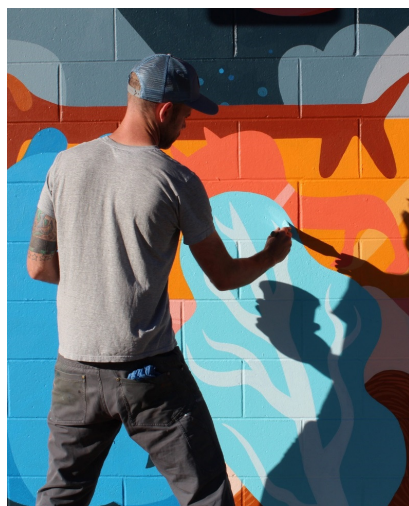
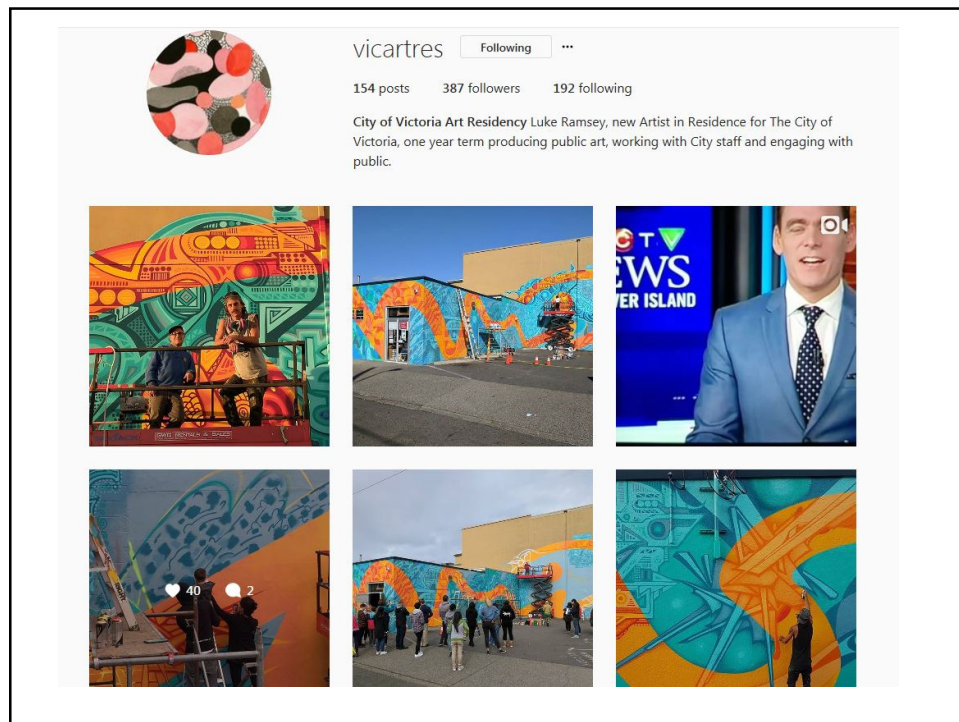


Image: Vic West Park Mural

The benefits have included:

- streamlined project management,
- lower administrative expenses,
- faster project turnaround,
- inclusion of creative elements in capital infrastructure projects,
- building new relationships between the City and the arts community
- paid opportunities for local artists
- support for local businesses

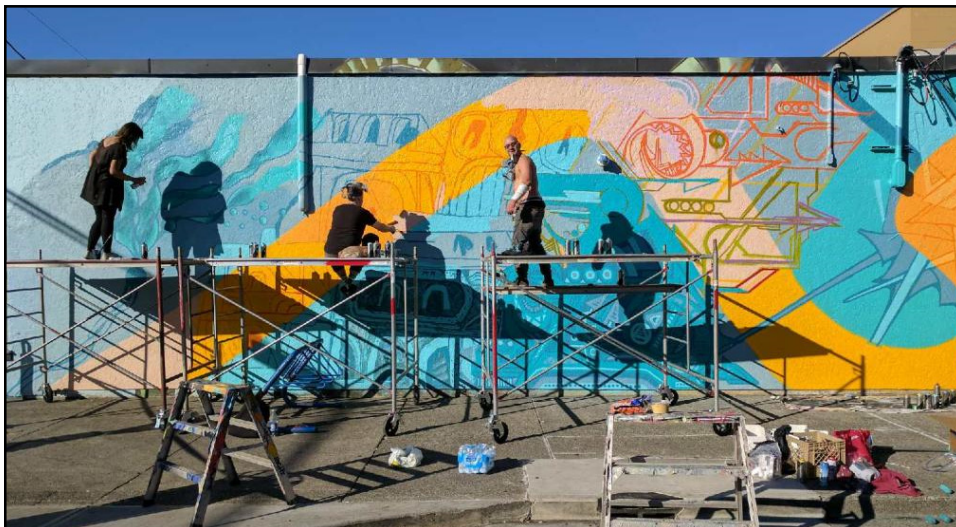






North Park Mural Collaboration

Artists: Jesse Campbell, Kay Gallivan, Ian George, Sarah Jim, Tyler Keeton, Ali Khan James Kirkpatrick, Kristofer Ray, Robbins, Charlie Walker and Sam Gafka.



- Beautiful mural going up at North Park & Cook by @vicartres and friends! Thank you for bringing more colour to our streets. - Fernwood NRG
- Inspiring from all angles. What a great addition to North Park Village! – Women In Need Community Cooperative





Mother Protector Hawk & Home, Dallas Road Mural with Jill Stanton & Krostofer Ray

"This is incredible! Great job man, I always thought that staircase deserved a good paint job"
- Aaron Geeraert

"You are taking things to new levels. Really interesting and inspiring stuff"
- Local Resident







Hollywood Park Mural with Andrew Dick

"A big improvement! Thanks!" - Wallace Bird

"Oh man!! Best one yet!! So lucky it's in my hood!! Nice work!! – Archi Pam



"I saw this mural last weekend and wondered about it. It's really beautiful. Great job!"

– Reslie Rutabaga



Vic West Park Mural with Jill Stanton

"Luke and Jill were a joy to watch as their art slowly evolved and came to fruition by the Vic West Dog Park. Bala and I are so touched to see her on the wall."

- Dione, local resident



"Amazing! It's so fun and colourful. Thank you to the artists for splashing your talent on this great neighbourhood." – Amy Bronee



Gonzales Park Mural with Meghan Hildebrand

"Our family lives in Fairfield, close to Gonzales Beach and Hollywood Park. I just wanted to send you a quick note to let you know that we absolutely LOVE your work and the wonderful and inspiring impact it's having on the public spaces around us. Many thanks for what you're doing - hope to see much more of it around town!" - Johan Bosman, local resident



"So Awesome to see more public art like this popping up around Victoria"

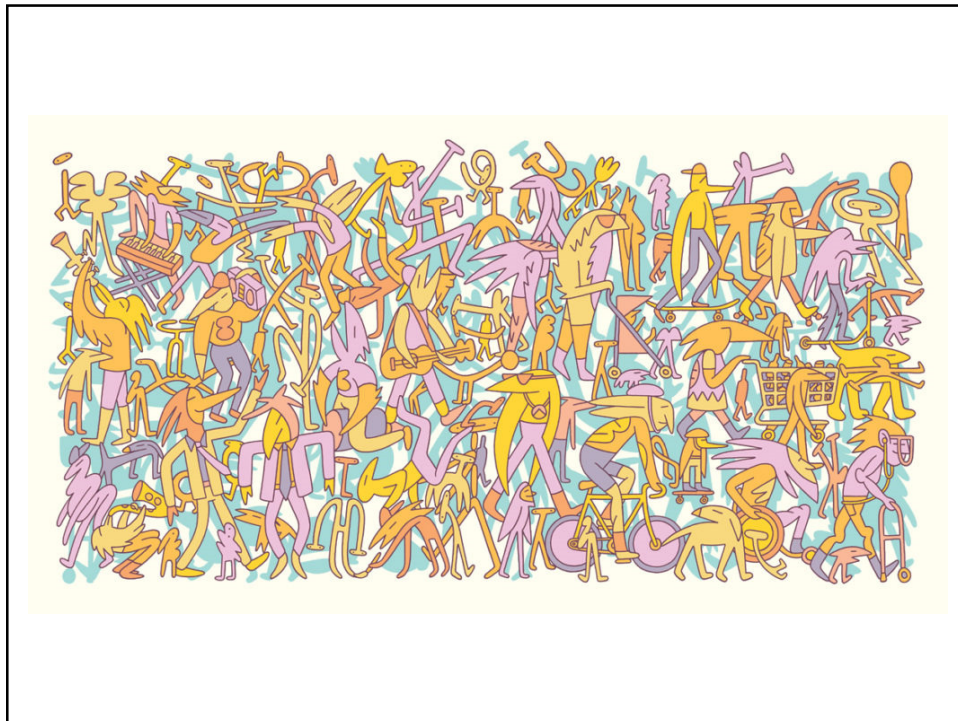
– Natalie Brakeart

"Wow, this is stunning!! Thank you for brining your creativity to Gonz Bay!"

– Michelle Heslop

"This kind of vibrant, local, accessible art makes my family and I SO HAPPY! thank you!"

– Skye Ladell





Artistic Collaboration with Ali Khan







"These are amazing! This project is fantastic, we need more like this"
– Spacefinder BC

"What a great project!!!"
- Monique Labusch

"These flags are incredible! Fantastic job!"
– Spirit Coast Creations



Student feedback included:

"I loved meeting new people and friends"

"I like being able to work together and come together to make something new"

"I like art because it evokes emotions and it lets you achieve anything you want,"

"I wish we could do this more"

"What I liked most was being included."

Benefits of extension



- Continue building Luke's project momentum with internal and external stakeholders
 - Johnson Street Bridge
 - Rock Bay Mural Project
 - Mural Toolkit
- Increased efficiency around project management and delivery



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Recommendation: That Council approve the extension for one year of the Artist in Residence to December 31, 2018.

