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Artists to meet with Town officials

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Local artists upset they won't be able to exhibit their works on the walls of the Gallery at the Cultural Centre are meeting with Mayor Rick Bonnette, Councillor Jane Fogal and Town staff Friday afternoon.

Artists Inge Kremer, Jan Zimmerman, Susan Little and Laura Kingsbury plan to attend. Town CAO David Smith and Director of Recreation and Parks Terry Alyman are to be there.

"The intent of the meeting is to meet informally with local artists and have face-to-face dialogue about their concerns and

share some perspectives," said Bonnette.

Bonnette said Smith hasn't had the opportunity to meet with the artists yet, and some of them haven't met him.

"The intent is not to circumvent a normal community consultation process. Town staff are planning to have a larger forum update at a future council meeting," said Bonnette.

In November, the Town dedicated the Gallery, which had been used by local artists for many years, to permanently house the Fred Helson art collection after he donated artwork valued at more than \$800,000 to the Town.

Georgetown BIA's 'green thumb' recognized

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Serjeantson praised Andrea McGill of Magic Hands for creating "such a joyous atmosphere and taking extra care when tending the plants" and the BIA for choosing plants in keeping with the recommendations in the Historical Facade Improvement Program.

"The plants were purchased locally from three businesses. The baskets and plantings were created and planted in the spring using a special mixture of soil to help maintain moisture and good growing conditions," said Serjeantson in her nomination letter. "Many hanging baskets were deliberately placed over planters to catch the water that would drip from the baskets."

She highlighted the fact that the BIA stores some of the plants from the baskets over the winter to be reused again the following year.

Farrow-Reed said the BIA installed big rocks at entrances to the downtown area on Mill St., Guelph St. and Maple Ave. and the BIA's seasonal banners, which were sourced locally, adorn the area.

She credits Joe Penney for doing a great job cleaning the downtown streets with his broom and wheelbarrow and the support of the Town Public Works Department.

"I know I can call (Public Works) and they do all they can to support the BIA. The BIA could not do all it does without the support of our Public Works Department," said Farrow-Reed.

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