



## Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: January 13, 2025

Subject: Paisley Artscape Society Sculpture Bases

Report from: Jennifer Isber-Legge, Economic Development Coordinator

Attachments: PAS Sculpture Base Locations

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report ECDEV-2025-01 Paisley Artscape Society Sculpture Bases; and

That the Paisley Artscape Society be permitted to install limestone sculpture bases at the following locations:

1. Northeast corner of the Teeswater Bridge
2. Within the raised garden bed in the town square

Subject to approval from Bruce County; and

That staff assist in the placement of the limestone bases to be provided by the Paisley Artscape Society.

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### **Background**

On December 9, 2024, the Paisley Artscape Society (PAS) presented a delegation request to Council to install two new sculpture bases, bringing the Paisley Street Sculpture Project to a total of four installations. PAS plans a "Call for Artists" in January and sculptures would be on loan for the 2025 summer season.

The two new bases requested differ from the two existing bases as a cost saving measure. The new bases would use a 12" sonotube dug 3-1/2 feet deep. The sonotube would be filled with concrete with a steel frame embedded. The steel frame would include the 4 mounting bolts that anchor the sculptures when they

are installed. The sonotube would extend 6" above grade to provide a suitable base for mounting the sculpture.

The locations requested for the 2 new bases are:

1. The Northeast corner of the new Teeswater River Bridge
2. The Paisley Town Square

The two existing bases are located in front of the Paisley Community Centre within the garden and are large limestone bases. These bases were placed in the spring of 2024.

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## **Analysis**

Both locations requested for new sculpture bases have numerous underground services that make it prohibitive to dig and pour a concrete base. It is recommended that both new bases be constructed using above ground limestone bases.

So as not to impede foot traffic and accessibility year-round, and snow removal in winter months, it is recommended that the sculpture base for location to be placed inside the raised garden bed closest to the hose tower, at the garden's west end.

An encroachment permit through Bruce County for location 1.

Staff would offer support for ground preparation to receive the limestone bases.

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## **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

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## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

The cost of the bases and the sculptures are the responsibility of the Paisley Artscape society, materials to prepare the area to receive the limestone base would be a municipal responsibility attributed to the 2025 Paisley Downtown Revitalization budget (pending 2025 budget approval).

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Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer