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Objective To provide a framework with parameters surrounding the application, selection, evaluation, approval, and overall expectations for new exhibits and monuments on the Legislative Precinct.

Application This policy applies to the consideration of external requests to install an exhibit or monument on the Legislative Precinct.

Authority Legislative Assembly organizational policies are approved by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee, as per *Policy 1000 – Legislative Assembly Policy Framework*.

Key Definitions **“Precinct Use Committee”** means the interdepartmental committee chaired by the Parliamentary Education Office that reviews requests for the installation of exhibits and monuments in accordance with this policy;

“exhibit” means an organized presentation or display of materials such as art, text, images, physical items, or interactive elements that aim to educate or inform;

“grounds” means the Legislative Precinct as defined in the *Legislative Assembly Management Committee Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 258);

“monument” means an exterior structure, and associated space, dedicated to the commemoration of a group or an event that has made an enduring positive contribution to British Columbia or with significant provincial historical impact.

1. General .01 Only exhibits and monuments that are directly connected with the Legislative Assembly or the Province of British Columbia are considered.

.02 Any request to host an event by an external party commemorating the launch of an exhibit or monument is subject to *Policy 6015 – Precinct Use*.

2. Prohibited Uses .01 Exhibits and monuments that, in the Legislative Assembly’s sole opinion, may jeopardize the institutional reputation of the Legislative Assembly, place the Parliament Buildings or grounds at risk of physical damage, or that may affect the integrity of the grounds as a historic site, are not permitted.

.02 Exhibits and monuments must not:

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- a) interrupt the business of the Legislative Assembly or contravene the *Legislative Precinct Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 274/2002);
- b) advertise or promote a product or company for commercial purposes;
- c) be political or partisan; and
- d) predominately promote a living artist unless the artist was selected through an official Legislative Assembly contest or initiative.

3. Permanent Exhibits .01 Permanent exhibits may be removed at any time at the sole discretion of the Legislative Assembly.

4. Temporary Exhibits .01 Temporary indoor exhibits are only permitted in locations designated by the Precinct Use Committee (e.g., Hall of Honour) and may be displayed for a maximum of 1 month. Temporary outdoor exhibits are subject to *Policy 6015 – Precinct Use*.

.02 Temporary exhibits may be removed, or their dates altered, at the sole discretion of the Legislative Assembly at any time.

5. Exterior Monuments .01 The Legislative Assembly does not fund any of the project costs associated with the installation of a monument (e.g., design, construction, site preparation, installation) or costs attributable to special maintenance or repair.

.02 At the discretion of the Precinct Use Committee, an applicant may be required to offset costs incurred by the Legislative Assembly to oversee the installation of a monument.

.03 Recognition of donor contributions on the grounds is not permitted.

.04 The Legislative Assembly may determine that an exterior monument is no longer suitable to be housed on the grounds. In such case, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly or their designate shall consult with the original applicant or an authorized representative to arrange for its removal.

6. Installation, Care and Repair .01 Unless otherwise determined by the Precinct Use Committee, the applicant is responsible for the costs associated with the delivery, moving, installation, maintenance and repair of exhibits and monuments.

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7. Request and Approval Process

- .02 The Legislative Assembly will contribute to the care of an exhibit or monument by way of reasonable cleaning and maintenance of the surrounding area, such as grounds maintenance around a monument, removal of graffiti, and dusting of internal exhibits.
- .03 In the event that an exhibit or monument is vandalized or damaged, the Legislative Assembly may temporarily cover or restrict access to the exhibit or monument until repair is complete. If there is structural or extensive damage, the applicant is responsible for the cost of repair.
- .01 Requests for the installation of a permanent exhibit, temporary exhibit, or monument must be submitted in writing to the Parliamentary Education Office.
- .02 All requests are evaluated by the Precinct Use Committee to assess the availability of suitable space on the Legislative Precinct, consider competing uses for limited space, and determine if the exhibit or display:
 - a) helps build a greater understanding of the work of the Legislative Assembly and of parliamentary democracy;
 - b) highlights one or more moments in the history of the Legislative Assembly and the Province of British Columbia with educational significance;
 - c) encompasses a diversity of opinions and viewpoints reflecting the dynamic nature of the Province of British Columbia and its citizens;
 - d) aligns with the commitment of the Legislative Assembly Administration to promote reconciliation with Indigenous peoples;
 - e) appeals to a broad profile of Legislative Assembly visitors both with respect to content and aesthetics;
 - f) results in substantive changes to operations, security, costs, grounds access, risks, or insurance requirements.
- .03 Requests for the installation of an exterior monument are assessed on the criteria in section 7.02 and whether:
 - a) the monument commemorates a group or event that has made an enduring positive contribution to British Columbia with broad provincial impact, or has significant historical provincial impact;

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- b) the proposed design aligns with those of existing monuments and complements the aesthetics of the available exterior grounds; and
- c) the requesting group has sufficient funds available to finance the installation of the monument and to perform ongoing maintenance or has developed a comprehensive fundraising strategy to raise sufficient funds.

- .04 The Precinct Use Committee reviews requests, conducts additional research, consults stakeholders as necessary, and must refer recommendations of approval to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, or their designate, for consideration. For any approved request, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly must advise the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly prior to the communication of the decision to the applicant.
- .05 Once a decision on a request is made, the Parliamentary Education Office, on behalf of the Precinct Use Committee, must advise the applicant of the approval or denial of the request in writing.
- .06 After a request is approved, the Parliamentary Education Office shall ensure that an *Exhibit and Display Agreement*, derived from the originally submitted request and containing terms and conditions acceptable to the Legislative Assembly, is executed prior to installation of any temporary or permanent exhibit or monument.
- .07 An applicant may, as a condition of receiving approval, be required to indemnify the Legislative Assembly or provide a waiver of liability.
- .08 Decisions under this policy are final and are not subject to appeal.

Contact	Questions regarding this policy may be directed to the Parliamentary Education Office at PEO@leg.bc.ca .
Procedures	<i>Exhibit and Display Agreement</i>
References	<i>Policy 6015 – Precinct Use</i>

Approved and authorized by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee on October 30, 2023.

POLICY HISTORY	
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