Call to Maple Ridge Artists
2026 Public Art Street Banner Project

Submission Deadline: March 6, 2026

Artist Fee: $3,000

The City of Maple Ridge is inviting design proposals for the 2026 Street Banner Project.

Theme – Bold By Nature
The artwork should reflect Maple Ridge's deep connection to nature - bringing the spirit of our surrounding mountains, forests, and river into the streetscape - while expressing this connection through a contemporary lens that infuses our urban spaces with colour, creativity, and modern artistic energy.

Who is eligible?

- This artist call is open to Maple Ridge based artists. Eligible applicants must maintain an artistic practice and have publicly shared an independent body of work for at least two years.

What projects will be considered?

- Submitted artwork must be the artist's original creation. Newly created design or a past work will be accepted.
- Design must conform to the banner size of 24"(w) x 72"(h) and will need to incorporate a block on the top or bottom for the city logo.
- The design should consider the limitations of the material.
    - The design should be appropriate for viewing from a distance and for short durations from a moving vehicle.
    - Small details and overly complex designs are not considered effective.
    - Banner designs will have a translucent quality and will be equally visible on both sides through ink saturation of the fabric.

Selection Process

- Proposals will be shortlisted by a selection panel consisting of city staff, community members, and art professionals.
- The final project will feature three independent designs, each created by a different selected artist

Schedule & Timeline (Estimate)

Submission Deadline	March 6, 2026
Selection Panel Complete	March 13, 2026
Final Approval Due	March 20, 2026
Finalize Artwork Design Due	March 27, 2026
Banner Production Complete	May 1, 2026
Banner Installation Complete	May 15, 2026

Compensation

- An artist fee of $3,000 will be paid to each of the three selected artists
- Fabrication and installation costs are covered by the City.

How to Apply

Please submit your applications by email to: Submissions@MapleRidge.ca

- Subject line: 2026 Street Banner Project – [Your Name]

Your **Application** should contain the following information in a single PDF document (10mb max):

- Contact Details: Name, address, email, and phone number
- Concept Sketch: Artists may submit a preliminary design; final artwork is not required at this stage.
- Artist Statement: A brief introduction to what you and your artwork are about. (1 page max)

Administrative Notes

- The City respects the intellectual property rights of the artist.
- The artist will retain ownership rights over the image.
- The artist will grant the City a license to use their final design to fabricate and exhibit the image, as well as for promotion and documentation purposes.
- The City reserves the right to not implement the project should circumstances change.

Site/Technical Notes:

- Selected Artists will submit the final artwork via publicly accessible cloud link as an AI or INDD file package or flattened PDF in CMYK colour and according to the indicated technical specifications required for printing.
- If raster imagery is incorporated into the design, it must be a high resolution of 300 DPI

- Approximately 363 banners are installed throughout the City.
- The banner size is 24”(w) x 72”(h) + 1” bleed all sides (overall 26”(w) x 74”(h)) and will need to incorporate a block on the top or bottom with the city logo under discretion by the City. The city logo must be embedded in vector form on all banner units and may be full colour or 1-colour.
- The 3 winning banner designs will be installed in alternating sequence. Some instances are singles and others are doubles so your design may extend across both (rather than be a duplicate) but should be able to work as a single as well.
- The City can provide technical assistance to ensure the design is properly prepared for printing.
- The City reserves the right to modify brand integration or artwork format or placement to suit technical requirements.

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Please see design templates below for exact dimensions and restrictions.

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RECTANGULAR STREET LIGHT POST BANNER - 24 X 72”

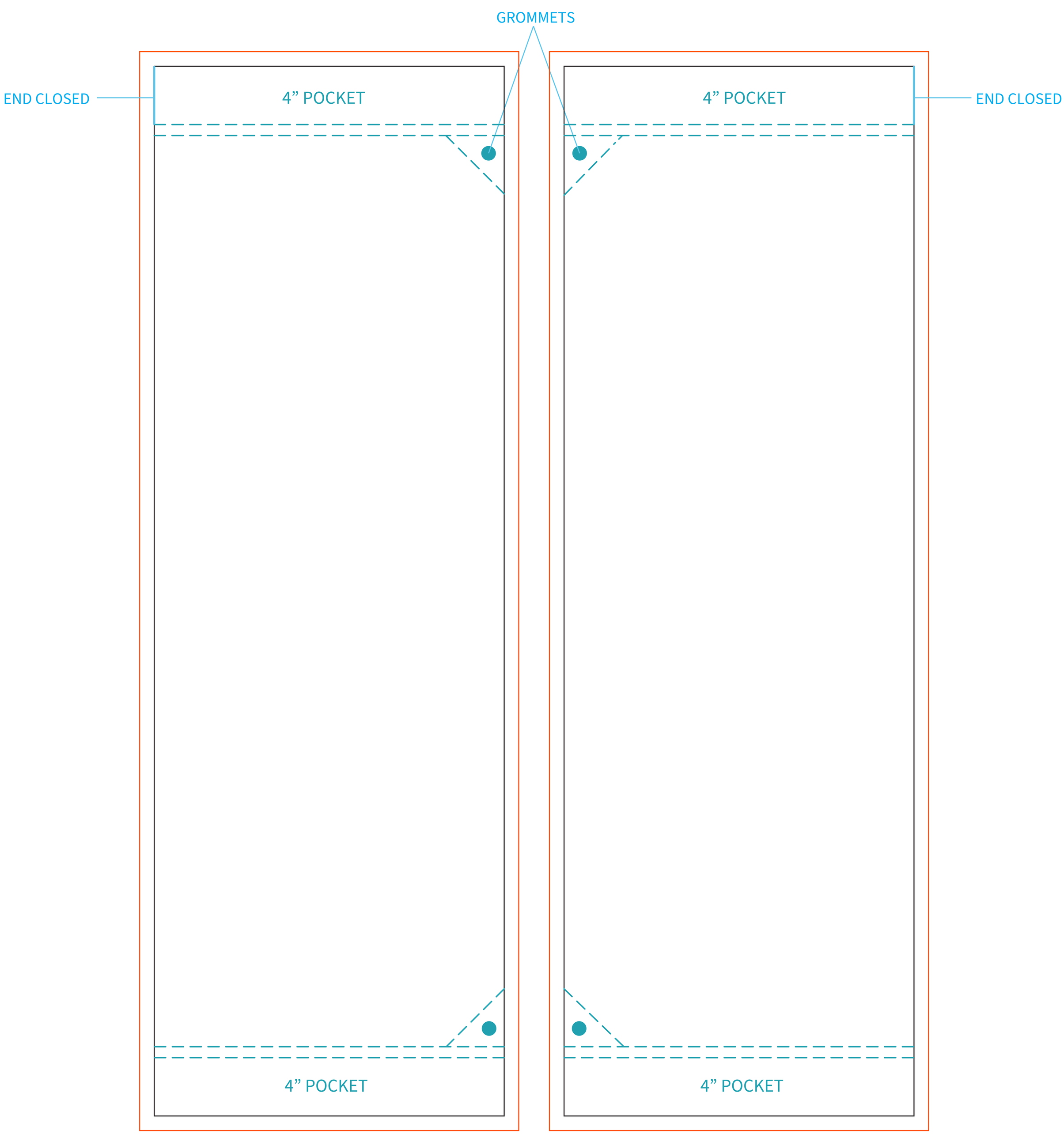
FINISHED SIZE : W 24” X H 72” COLOR : CMYK PRINT, NO PMS COLOUR

POCKET SEW : 4” ON TOP AND BOTTOM WITH ONE END CLOSED

GROMMETS : 1 ON TOP AND 1 ON BOTTOM (INNER CORNERS) WITH GUSSETS

VARIANTS : LEFT AND RIGHT

SEW LINES

FINISHED SIZE (WxH): 24”x72”

BLEED SIZE (WxH): 26”x74”