

## Edmonton artist to create interactive art in Terwillegar Park

Edmonton artist Royden Mills has been commissioned to create a public artwork for the Terwillegar Park Footbridge site. The artwork, *Resonant Progression*, consists of three sculptures placed in conceptually linked sites in Terwillegar Park. The sculptures are interactive and will amplify the natural sounds in the park.



"The vision for the City of Edmonton Public Art Collection is of a city landscape enhanced with relevant and exciting public art," says Paul Moulton, Edmonton Arts Council Executive Director. "Situating in one of Edmonton's most used parks, this artwork, by an acclaimed local sculptor, invites people to connect meaningfully with their surroundings and enriches their experience. It is a community artwork, rooted in a sense of place and history. Edmontonians will enjoy its beauty for decades to come"

Artist Royden Mills plans to create the artworks from specially selected boulders. "The sculptural components are intended to link people today with the pioneers that settled Edmonton. The sounds of nature are an invitation for Edmontonians to slow down and simply listen to the pace of nature around them," explains Mills.

Two of the three pieces will be installed close to the main entrance of the park, with the third piece placed next to the south bank of the future Terwillegar Park Footbridge.

"Terwillegar Park provides people with a great opportunity to connect with nature," says Rob Marchak, Director of Strategic Projects, City of Edmonton. "The art selected for the footbridge enhances the natural state of this park and allows visitors an opportunity to stop and reflect on the beauty of our river valley."

The total commission is \$126,400 and will be installed by the end of 2016. Images of the artwork are available for download at [edmonton.ca/rivervalleyprojects](http://edmonton.ca/rivervalleyprojects).

### About the project

The Terwillegar Park Footbridge is part of the River Valley Alliance projects. In 2013, the City of Edmonton received \$72.9-million in funding from the River Valley Alliance and the provincial and federal governments for five initiatives to increase access and connectivity within the river valley.

The 262-meter long footbridge, linking Terwillegar Park to River Valley Oleskiw, is currently under construction. The unique, minimalist profile of the first 'stressed ribbon' bridge in Edmonton will provide a striking river valley crossing. The budget for the Terwillegar Park Footbridge is \$24.5 million. The footbridge is anticipated to be completed by September 2016.

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