



VANCOUVER POET LAUREATE'S CITY POEMS CONTEST

CALL FOR ENTRIES

JANUARY 16 - APRIL 15 2022

What historical, cultural or ecological sites in Vancouver intrigue, fascinate or inspire you? Is it the ancient Musqueam village of *čəsnaʔəm*, or the Indigenous village of *Señákw* where Kitsilano and False Creek are now, *skwtsaʔs* or Deadman's Island, Hastings Park where Japanese Canadians were interned during WWII, a historic building in Chinatown or Davie Village, Hogan's Alley, Coal Harbour where the Komagata Maru lay at anchor for 3 months in 1914, or one of Vancouver's gardens, hidden streams or remaining old growth trees? Here's your chance to write a poem that will provide a greater understanding of the origins and multi-layered history of the place we now know as Vancouver!

RULES

1. The poem must be original and unpublished.
2. Poems MUST relate in a significant way to a historical, cultural or ecological site within the area presently known as the City of Vancouver or the UBC Endowment Lands and provide a greater understanding of the origins and multi-layered history of the place we now know as Vancouver. (Poems about sites outside this area unfortunately will not be eligible.)
3. Word limit: up to 400 words per poem. Spoken word poetry: up to 3 minutes.
4. Maximum of two poems per poet.
5. Poems must be typed, 12 point font in Times New Roman or similar font. For spoken word poems, submit a print version plus MP4 recording.
6. A submission form located at <https://www.vpl.ca/poetlaureate> must accompany each submitted poem.
7. Submissions will only be received between January 16 - April 15, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

- Three categories for contest entries:
- Youth (grade 12 or under)
 - Adults (who have not published a book)
 - Adults (who have already published one or more books)

AWARDS

- First Prize for each category: \$300
Second Prize for each category: \$200
Third Prize for each category: \$100

Vancouver Writers Fest will also publish winning entries in their newsletter circulated to 14,000 readers. Winners will be announced in June 2022.

For more information, please email:

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Street Map from 1909 showing Fairview. City of Vancouver Archives LEG1340. Image from Vancouver Heritage Foundation at www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org.

