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Incident: \$6000 Piece of Public Art stolen from Abbotsford

Abbotsford – July 12, 2012.

Sometime in the last week a large piece of public art was stolen from downtown Abbotsford. The 4' x 5' solid wood structure that was donated to the City of Abbotsford in 2001 was stolen from its Essendene Avenue and Pauline Street location. The sculpture depicts a bookworm reading an open text. The original cost of the artwork was \$6000.

Given the size and weight of the structure it would likely have taken at least two people, a vehicle and tools capable of cutting through bolts in order to remove it. In addition, given its prominent location in downtown Abbotsford, it is unlikely that it could be removed without someone noticing. Moreover, it would be difficult to imagine that a person could repurpose the artwork inconspicuously. For that reason, the Abbotsford Police Department is appealing to the public to come forward with any information they have concerning the theft.

Anyone with information about this theft should contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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