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Graffiti artist gets paid for his artistic efforts

“It’s always good to get paid for it,” says smiling mural artist Brent Fraser.

The 19-year-old has just completed his first paying job, emptying 30 spray cans on a wall on the construction site of the new Fleetwood hockey arena on Fraser Highway.

Brent’s father, an engineer, recommended his son when he heard that

colleagues were looking for an artist to paint a mural at the site as a proactive defence against vandalism.

The operators of the construction company saw the work Fraser did on the climbing wall at the skateboard bowl in Bear Creek Park and agreed to hire him.

Fraser graduated from Queen Elizabeth Secondary School last

January, but returned to polish up his portfolio. He is enrolled at Emily Carr College of Art and Design in Vancouver for September.

He only started painting about a year ago, calling his artwork “just fooling around.”

He experimented with everyday subjects using brushes and spray cans, but the spray can took over as his

favorite medium.

“I find it’s more fun. It’s a lot quicker than using a brush,” he says.

Fraser is optimistic about his upcoming work at the North Surrey Recreation Centre and hopes to go into business for himself after art college.

“It’s good money, especially for something I like to do.”

