

Call for Public Art Jury Members
City of Pickering 2026 Term
Deadline: **January 9, 2026, at 4:00 pm EDT.**



Photo of "Gordon's Guitar" by Geordie Lishman located in Ernie L. Stroud Park, Pickering

Opportunity

Are you passionate about the arts and want to play a key role in shaping the cultural landscape of Pickering? The City of Pickering is seeking enthusiastic and knowledgeable individuals to join our Public Art Jury. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the selection of thought-provoking and inspiring public artworks that will enhance our community's identity and enrich public spaces for years to come.

By participating in this important initiative, you'll collaborate with fellow art advocates and experts to ensure the city's public art program reflects the diverse voices, stories, and creative talents of our community. If you're ready to make a meaningful impact and celebrate the power of art, we want to hear from you!

Up to five (5) Public Art Jury Members will be selected for the 2026 term.

About

As a Public Art Jury Member, you will:

- Evaluate and recommend artist proposals for public art commissions in accordance with the City's Public Art Policy (CUL130).
- Contribute to the selection, acquisition, and review of public artworks for the City of Pickering.
- Collaborate with a diverse group of professionals, residents, and stakeholders to ensure the highest standards of equity, transparency, and creativity in the selection process.

Commitment and Compensation

- Term: One year.
- Compensation: Each Public Art Jury member will be paid a flat rate of \$1,480.00 inclusive of HST.* for the year.
- Projects: A Public Art Jury member may review up to six (6) public art projects during the term.

*Funding pending approval of the 2026 Budget.

Note, not all five (5) Jury members may be involved for the same project at once. Approved Public Art Jury members will be invited to sit on a project based on their qualifications and availability.

Eligibility and Qualifications

We are seeking individuals with:

- Experience or interest in public art, design, or cultural programming.
- Insights into Pickering's social and cultural landscape.
- Professional expertise (e.g., artists, curators, architects, community organizers) or lived experience that can enrich the evaluation process.

Application Process

To apply, please submit:

- A letter of interest detailing your experience and motivation for joining the Public Art Jury.
- A professional CV highlighting relevant expertise.

Submission Details

Email: etayles@pickering.ca

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Accessibility

The City will provide accommodations to all applicants who require special assistance throughout the process. Please notify Ellen Tayles-Armstrong, Curator, Public Art, at 905-409-0567 or etayles@pickering.ca of any accommodations you may need to ensure your equal participation in the materials or processes used.

Reserved Rights of the City of Pickering

The City of Pickering, at its sole discretion, may request clarification or request additional information, as deemed necessary to evaluate the submissions. The City retains the sole discretion to determine whether a submission is responsive and if the prospective Juror is capable of performing the Work.

Publication of Information

The City of Pickering shall have the exclusive rights to issue all public announcements regarding the competition.

Additional Information

For any additional information or questions please contact: Ellen Tayles-Armstrong, Curator, Public Art at 905-409-0567 or etayles@pickering.ca.