

Electric City Culture Council Annual General Report 2018



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Territorial Acknowledgements Bill Kimball



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WHO WE ARE

The Electric City Culture Council (EC3) is an arms length, not-for-profit service organization dedicated to supporting and advancing the arts, culture and heritage (ACH) sector in Peterborough and the surrounding area.





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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to develop and strengthen the creative ecology of the region by connecting individuals and organizations, providing strategic leadership, advocacy, professional development, information, resources, networking, programming and collaborative partnerships that build the capacity of the local arts, culture and heritage community. Bringing art and audiences together.



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OUR JOB

- · Act as an antenna and sounding board for the ACH community.
- Identify challenges in the sector and develop and deliver programs and services that help our members and the broader creative community meet those challenges.
 - Discover new opportunities, implement useful and innovative strategies to strengthen organizations and provide meaningful support to better serve artists, heritage professionals, cultural managers and audiences.
 - Build audiences and increase the impact of arts, culture and heritage activity.



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- Provide new forums for exploring ideas, important issues, and creative innovations
- Deliver professional development for individuals and organizations (workshops, clinics, mentorships)
- · Bring people together: dedicated sector coordination, connecting and convening
 - Organize advocacy, strategic leadership and representation



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- Undertake original research, gather resources and share information about
 the local ACH sector
 - Develop networking, collaboration and partnerships that build and strengthen the capacity of the arts, culture and heritage community, across and between other sectors
 - Support services for arts and heritage organizations.



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- Deliver award programs to honour and acknowledge outstanding artists and build recognition of local creators, arts supporters and cultural professionals
 - Organize collaborative/collective marketing initiatives
 - · Produce arts awareness initiatives



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- Consolidate information and resources for artists and cultural managers
- Produce **new creative programming** initiatives that build bridges across different disciplines and community sectors and encourage public appreciation of and engagement with arts, culture and heritage activities



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- Cultural Incubators (panels, lectures and round table discussions)
- Professional Development Workshops and Mentorship
 - **Programs**
- Artsweek (biennial, 10 day, multidisciplinary festival with over 100 artists)





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- Advocacy Initiatives and Arts Representation
- Arts Awards and Bursary Programs
- Electric City Culturecast on Trent Radio 92.7 FM (every other week)





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- Commissioning Programs (KYO)
- Special Projects (Arts Programming)
- Cross Promotion and Communications





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- One on One Consultations & Organizational
 Capacity Building Service (FUSE)
- Research Development and Knowledge Sharing (CULTURE LAB)





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Su DittaExecutive Director



Eva FisherProgram Coordinator



Hannah KeatingArtsweek Artistic Producer



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Special thanks to Bill Kimball,
Electric City
Culture Council
Board President







Agenda

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EC3 2018 AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
- Indigenous Land Acknowledgments
- 3. **Motion** to Call the 2018 AGM to Order
- 4. Introductions and thanks to all for coming
- 5. Performance: Unity Singers
- 6. **Motion** to Approve the Agenda of the 2018 EC3 AGM
- 7. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the 2017 EC3 AGM
- 8. President's Report: Bill Kimball
- 9. Treasurer's Report: Nadine Changfoot



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- 10. **Motion** to Accept 2017/2018 EC3 Financial Statements (Notice to Reader/Compilation Review prepared by Collins Barrow).
- 11. **Motion** to Appoint 2018/2019 Auditor (Collins Barrow)
- 12. Annual Report: EC3 Executive Director: Su Ditta
- 13. Artsweek 2018 Presentation: Su Ditta and Hannah Keating
- 14. **Motion** to Elect the Board of Directors (new members)
- 15. Welcome new Board members and acknowledge those leaving
- 16. Special Events and Announcements:
- 17. Motion to Adjourn.



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Governance

Each year EC3 canvasses our existing board, undertakes a needs assessment and forecast and completes a skills and demographics analysis to determine what kind of new board members are needed. Strategic recruitment helps us build a short list of potential new members.

Board Nominees

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Alex Bierk

Alex Bierk (b. 1982, Peterborough, ON) has presented works on paper in exhibitions in Copenhagen, Paris and Stockholm. Alex has exhibited his paintings in group and solo exhibitions internationally as well as in numerous art fairs: UNTITLED (New York), Art Toronto, Scope (Miami), Papier 14 (Montreal) and Art Southampton. His work is held in the collections of the Royal Bank of Canada, TD Bank and the Art Gallery of Peterborough along with many private collections. In 2013, he was a finalist for the Kingston Prize, a national biannual portrait competition, and is the recipient of grants from the Toronto and Ontario Arts Councils, as well as the Canada Council for the Arts. Bierk's exhibitions have been featured in The Toronto Star and Canadian Art Magazine. Alex Bierk lives and works in Peterborough, Ontario.

Mauricio A. Interiano

Mauricio A. Interiano studied International Development, Sociology & Cultural Studies at Trent University. Mauricio's work is focused in Media, Communications and Community Development. He is currently the Community Outreach Development Manager at Trent Radio CFFF and the President and Chair of the Peterborough Independent Podcasters. Originally from Honduras, Mauricio describes himself as an activist, volunteer, writer, translator, radio host, and coffee addict.

Emily Whetung MacInnes

Emily is a descendant of the Whetung name as far back as its origins, and now practices law in the community where she was raised. Emily is a member of Curve Lake First Nation and a strong supporter of the arts. While Emily doesn't see herself as having the same artistic talent as many of her family members, she sees the importance of protecting and encouraging all forms of art. Emily is a mother of 2 beautiful little boys and firmly believes that the world can always use more beautiful things.

Elisha May Rubacha

Elisha May Rubacha is the editor and designer of bird, buried press and has done live bookmaking installations for the Precarious Festival, Evans Contemporary, KEYBOARDS!, and Fluff Stories. She was a finalist for Peterborough's Outstanding Emerging Artist Award (2018), and shortlisted for the PRISM International Creative Non-fiction Contest (2016). Her work has been published by Apt. 9 Press, Electric City Magazine, Puddles of Sky Press, and Bywords, among others, with a publication from Exile forthcoming. She is currently working on a poetry manuscript inspired by Roberta Bondar, and a stage play that received support through the Alternating Currents program in 2017, and Theatre Trent in 2018. By day, Elisha is the Knowledge Transfer Specialist at Nourish, a local community food initiative.



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Programs and Services 2018





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Professional Development Workshops 2018

- Artsweek Information Session
- Peterborough Arts Awards: Nominator and Nominee Application Workshop
- Relaxed Performances Professional Development Workshop







The Art of Inclusion Part 2: Relaxed Performances

Wednesday, June 6, 2017

traditional theatre setting.

A one-day training workshop offered by the British Arts Council.

Relaxed performances were initially designed to make theatre spaces more comfortable and welcoming to audience members with autism spectrum disorders, sensory and communication disorders or learning disabilities. Other audience members who benefit from Relaxed Performances include parents with toddlers, people with Tourette's syndrome, people who experience anxiety or people who are not comfortable with the conventions of a



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Cultural Incubators 2018

- Art Matters: Christy Haldane, Birgitta Macleod and Anna Eidt (40)
 - **RE**: Location: Heritage Preservation, Gentrification and the Arts (120)
 - Artsvote Ontario 2018 (85)
 - Artsvote Peterborough 2018 (125)



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Art Matters: Christy Haldane, Birgitta Macleod and Anna Eidt

Cultural Incubator: December 5th, 2017

Christy Haldane (Proximity Gallery), Birgitta Macleod (META4) and Anna Eidt (Watson and Lou) join Executive Director Su Ditta in a discussion about contemporary fine art and craft and best practices to approach their market



RE: Location - Cultural Incubator

Heritage Preservation, Gentrification, and the Arts



Wednesday April 11, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. LETT Architects, 138 Simcoe St.





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RE: Location: Heritage Preservation, Gentrification and the Arts

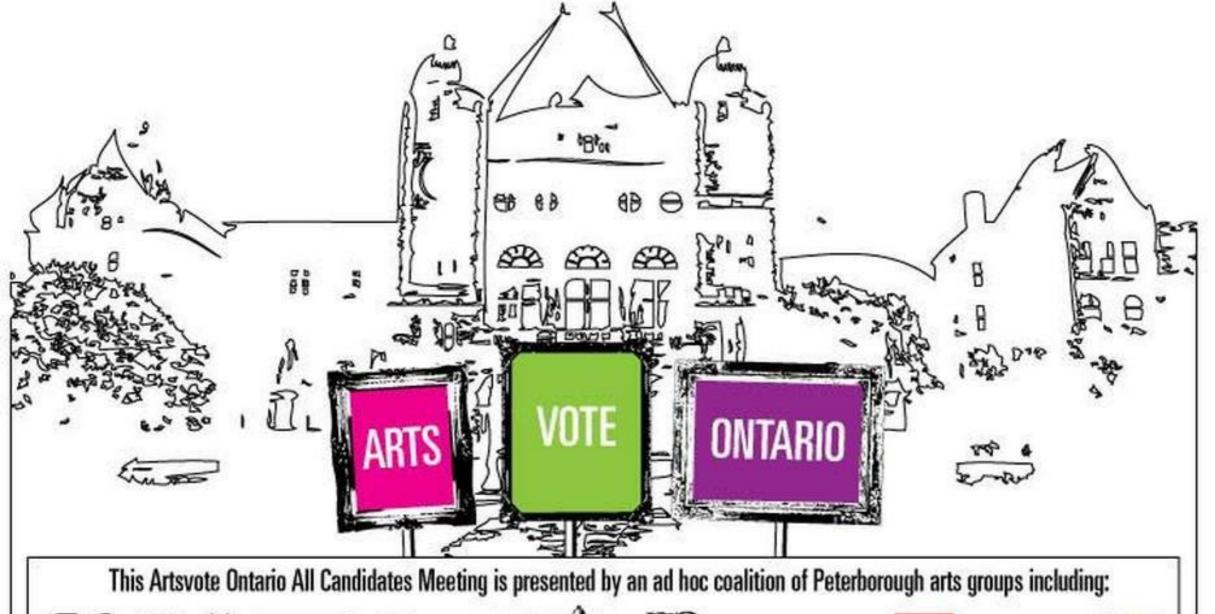
At this critical juncture, this EC3 Cultural Incubator asks:

How can the arts, culture, and heritage sectors work together to support placebased economic development that strengthens, rather than displaces, existing communities?

How can we ensure that our unique arts community and heritage assets are preserved and encouraged as a central aspect of our identity?



















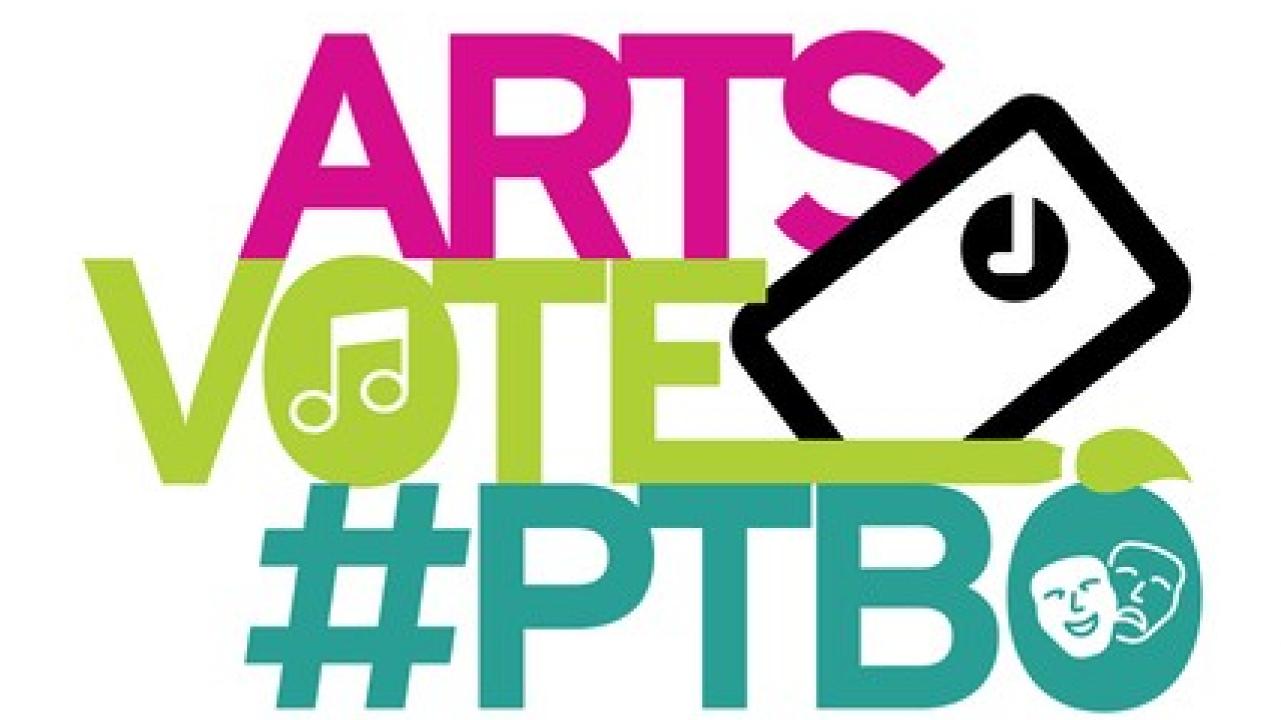


















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Official Plan Update Charettes

This Spring, EC3 organized official representation for the Arts, Culture and Heritage Community at the City of Peterborough's

Official Plan Update Charettes



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Special Projects

- Peterborough Arts Awards
- Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts
- Bierk Art Bursary Program
- Downtown Artists in Residence Program
- Kawartha Youth Orchestra Commissioning Program
- Status of the Artist in Peterborough Project: Survey and Report





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We hire artists to perform at many of our events and whenever possible hire artists to deliver services - design, bookkeeping or management and project planning and development services.



PRESENTED AT THE MAYOR'S LUNCHEON FOR THE ARTS ORGANIZED BY THE ELECTRIC CITY CULTURE COUNCIL

May 25, 2018, McDonnel Street Activity Centre



Peterborough's inaugural Arts Awards program!!

Guest Speaker: Wanda Nanibush: Curator of Indigenous Art at the Art

Gallery of Ontario

6 prizes of \$2,000 each:

- Emerging Artist
- Mid-Career Artist
- · Senior Artist
- Indigenous Artist
- · Arts Champion
- Arts Catalyst



The winners of the inaugural Peterborough Arts Awards!









Award Sponsors

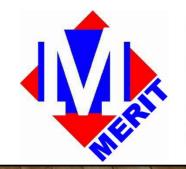
Merit II Realty Limited - Outstanding Emerging Artist
Betty and Bill Morris - Outstanding Mid-Career Artist
BrandHealth - Outstanding Senior Artist
LLF Lawyers - Outstanding Achievement by an Indigenous Artist
Ashburnham Realty - Arts Champion
Kate and Alex Ramsay - Arts Catalyst
Daryl Bennett and

The Mayor's Office

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Shelly Barrie, Su Ditta, Paul Hickey, Kate Ramsay, Bill Lockington, Betty Morris, Bill Kimball, Kate Story.

BIERK ART FUND BURSARY PROGRAM FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDIES IN THE VISUAL ARTS

May 25 2018 at the Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts

Four new \$500 bursaries were presented to Peterborough students graduating from high school in 2018 to pursue visual arts education at the post-secondary level. Thanks to the AGP and Artspace for their support of this project. Bursaries were awarded at the Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts, along with the Peterborough Arts Awards. Thanks to the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough for making this possible.

Thanks as well to our Bierk Art Fund Bursaries Program Advisory Group: Alex Bierk, Cyd Hosker, Mickey Renders and Andrew Bigg.







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DOWNTOWN ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Artsweek New Visions / Old Land: ON HOSPITALITY

Many thanks to the DBIA, unicity and the Ontario Arts Council for their generous support of this project.











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Kawartha Youth Orchestra Commissioning Program

EC3 and the Kawartha Youth Orchestra are partnering to commission an additional three new compositions from KYO members. Musicians will compose theme music for the Electric City Culturecast and record for broadcast in the studios of Trent Radio.





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Status of the Artist in Peterborough Project: Survey and Report

Knowing and understanding what life is like for professional artists in Peterborough is critical to making things better. The Electric City Culture Council (EC3) and the Precarious Festival have joined forces to undertake Peterborough's first ever investigation of the social and economic conditions that impact local artists and their work.

This is a partnership project organized with the support of the Trent Community Research Centre and student researcher, Trent Sustainability Studies Masters student, Anna Currier. This project includes a survey, background research and analysis and a final report presented at an EC3 Cultural Incubator in the late winter.

Status of the Artist in Peterborough

TCRC Researcher: Anna Currier

Host organization: Electric City Culture Council (EC3) Collaborator: Precarious: Peterborough ArtsWORK Festival



2018 Faculty Supervisor: Colleen O'Manique

Department: Master of Arts in Sustainability Studies | Course Code: 5901 Host Supervisor: Su Ditta | TCRC Project Coordinator: David Tough

Research Question/Topic/Purpose

This project is the first-ever comprehensive Age and Professional Artist Career: survey of the socio-economic status of artists in Peterborough. Kate Story, coordinator of the Precarious: Peterborough ArtsWORK Festival (Nov., 2017), initiated this project in partnership with Su Ditta, ED from the Electric City Culture Council (EC3) in January of 2017 with support from the Trent Centre for Community Research (TCRC). This project is also supported by research data collected by the Peterborough City-County Health Unit's Precarious Employment Research Initiative (PERI).

Methodology

Poster for TCCR

Anna Currier:

Research Fair 2018,

Preliminary results

part in the survey

Over 230 people took

Mixed-Methods Recruitment:

- Survey content was developed by referring to other Status of the Artist surveys and consultation with local artists and experts in community based research.
- Survey was conducted using a mixed-methods design for recruiting participants, including locationbased recruitment, and referral snow-ball sampling.
- Location-based referral strategy: During the Precarious Festival a series of events were held at high traffic venues like Evans Contemporary and the Theatre on King.
- Referral snow-ball sampling: EC3, Public Energy and their associates promoted the survey by leaving flyers at local venues, through word of mouth, an email blast to organizations' membership lists, email blasts and online news letters, like those of Public Energy, Artspace, and the Art Gallery of Peterborough and multiple social media platforms.

Findings or Preliminary Outcomes

• Most artists surveyed are between 25

and 44 years of age.

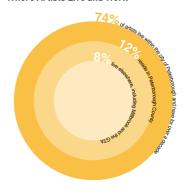


- 82% of artists are professional artists, and were equally represented as emerging, mid-career and established artists.
- Most artists who participated in this survey have been active professionals since they were 25 years or younger, but don't consider themselves mid-career or established until later in life (25-44).

Family Structure

- · Over half of artists are married or in a domestic partnership and 27% are single.
- 2/3 of all artists support a family with their income.

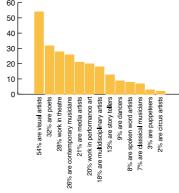
Where Artists Live and Work



Identity Profiles

- 52% of artists are female, 41% male. 4% non-binary, and 3% "other".
- 10 out of 226 respondents are Indigenous artists.
- 95% of artists are white, 5% are people of colour.
- Nearly half of artists are living with an ability altering condition affecting their mental or physical health.
- The representation of artists from minority groups including race. sexuality and gender orientation was low, raising the guestion of whether these statistics are accurate or whether there were barriers in place for certain artists to participate.

Artist Profiles by Discipline



Most artists in Peterborough are working in predominantly individualistic disciplines like visual art, poetry and music, typically unprotected by unions and guilds that provide funding, education and labour rights policy and advocacy.

Income

- 50% of artists have a total before-tax income of less than \$25,000 a year, with less than 20% coming from their work as a professional artist.
- *According to the 2016 Peterborough census, the median after-tax income was **\$27, 754**, nearly \$3,000 above the average artist.
- Over 80% make less than \$50,000 a year from all income sources combined.
- * Low income for private households in Peterborough ages 18 to 64 was \$48,865.
- Out of 226 respondents, only 161 receive benefits (i.e. health, pension & RRSP), and several collect ODSP.

Education



Career Profiles

In addition to their independent work as artists, nearly half of artists work in another sector of the arts, from administration and marketing to arts education. For those who work outside the arts sector, the highest concentrations were in retail, the service industry and education.

Advancing the Status of the Artist in Peterborough

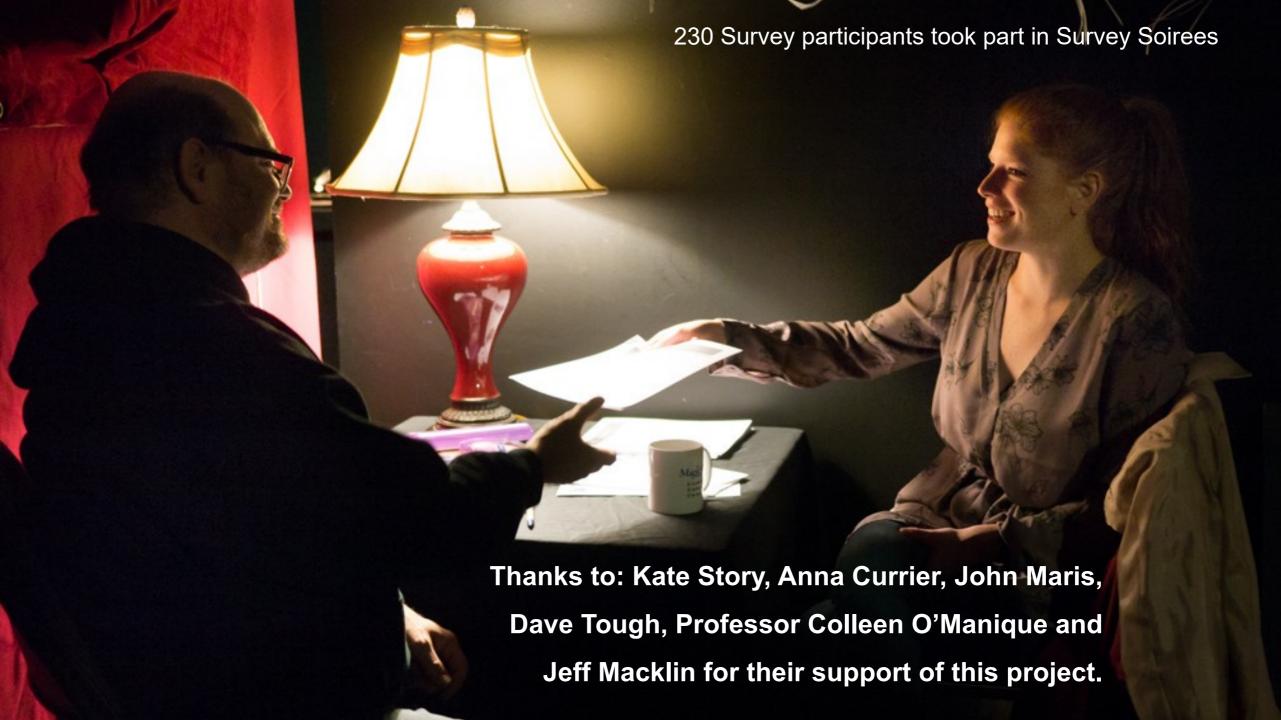
The following were the highest rated initiatives suggested to advance the status of the artist in Peterborough. Each can be implemented on a local scale with the support of the municipal government.

- · Increased municipal operating funding to local arts organizations
- · Municipal grants to individual artists
- · Incentives to landlords for affordable studio space
- · Increased project funding
- · physical and social accessibility to arts spaces
- Greater accessibility to arts spaces
- Promoting arts sector and connecting arts community

Next Steps

- 1. Host a public incubator with those who agreed to follow-up research, to explore ways of utilizing survey outcomes as evidence for new policy, research and other initiatives aimed at improving the lives of artists and the creative sector in Peterborough.
- 2. Secure funding for more complex data analysis of survey findings so that detailed correlations between data sets and themes among individual responses can be explored. I.e. comparing income among demographics related to age, gender,

77% of respondents agreed to participating in future research.





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EC3 Programming Coming Up Soon

EC3 has lots of great programming in development for 2019!





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Let's Make it Official: PLANNING for the Future of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Community. Updating Peterborough's Official Plan January 14th, 7pm-9pm

Join facilitator Sarah Cullingham and Reimagine Peterborough volunteers to craft an official submission from the ACH Community to the Official Plan Update



Official Plan Update:
Arts, Culture and Heritage Workshop



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Peterborough Poet Laureate Pilot Program

In collaboration with:
The City of Peterborough
The Peterborough Poetry Slam Collective





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EC3 Programming Coming Up Soon Stay tuned for information on...

- Peterborough Arts Awards Nominations
- Territorial Acknowledgements Workshop
- Grantwriting 3.0: Professional Development Workshop and Mentorship Program for Indigenous Artists
- · CARFAC Taxes Workshop
- Interpreting CRA Regulations Workshop
- TIMS (Time In My Shoes) Training
- · and more!





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The Electric City Culturecast

A half hour radio broadcast, every other Wednesday night at 7:00 pm on Trent Radio at 92.7 FM on your radio dial. This magazine format show hosted by EC3 Executive Director Su Ditta and produced by EC3 Program Coordinator Eva Fisher includes news, reviews and feature interviews with people in the local arts, culture and heritage scene, along with music, an advice column and a cultural trivia quiz. It is also available by podcast through PIP (Peterborough Independent Podcasters). We produce 14 episodes annually.

Special thanks to Iill Staveley Mauricio Interiano and John Muir











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Research, Skills, Knowledge, Information and Resource Sharing

Our team of professionals provides advice, support and direction for problem solving, new initiatives and skills development

Culture Lab

On-line Organizational Development and Capacity Building Tools (web site and Mail Chimps)

Tips, guides, media reports, video, publications, bibliography and informative links to further information posted in the resources section of every event on our web site

Resource Sharing

Podcasts, photos and videos posted on our websites for almost all EC3 projects and events.



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Status of the Artist in Peterborough Research and Report

Research and report on economic and social status of local artists

FUSE

Arts management and capacity building hotline support services.

Call EC3 for advice and connections to information, learning resources and support networks and potential partners and allies.



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Advances and Ctratagia I and arabin

- ACHAC (Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee City)
- PAAC (Public Art Advisory Committee City)
- Community Investment Grants Budget Advocacy City
- Official Plan Update
- City Community Wellbeing Plan Advisory Committee
- DBIA Vibrancy Working Group



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Advocacy and Strategic Leadership

- Maryam Monsef: SOCAD and Status of Women and Sub Committees
- Ontario Arts Council Consultation
- Canadian Coalition for the Arts / Ontarians For the Arts
- Government of Ontario Pre-budget Consultations
- MASS Culture
- Artsvote (Federal Election 2019)



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Strategic Ad Hoc Representation

- City Rebrand Consultations
- Downtown Property Tax Relief
- Peterborough Economic Development: Tourism Consultation
- Chamber of Commerce, Trent
- CFGP: Vital Conversations Dinner and Lunch



FUSE: Support Services













SPARC, Peterborough Singers, The Theatre on King, and PRHC Art Collection to name a few!



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Our Board members work tirelessly to support EC3, strengthen the ACH sector and fulfill the promise of the Municipal Cultural Plan

Bill Kimball

President

Randy Read

Secretary

Nadine Changfoot

Treasurer

Sue McGregor-Hunter
Jonathon Lockyer
Kate Story



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Electric City Culture Council Staff:

Su Ditta

Executive Director

Eva Fisher

Program Coordinator

Sue Newman

Bookkeeper

Thanks to our Volunteers, We couldn't do it without you!





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Our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to:

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Thanks to our Members!

