

Durham Art Gallery
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August 5, 2022

Members of Council
Municipality of West Grey
402813 Grey County Rd 4
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Re: Financial support for the Durham Art Gallery in the amount of \$1000

Dear Members of the Council of the Municipality of West Grey,

The Durham Art Gallery has been operating in Durham since before its incorporation on December 24, 1980, when it was operating out of the Durham Library.

The Gallery has maintained relationships with several community partners over the years and would like to work on strengthening relationships with members of Words Aloud and the Fabulous Festival of Fringe Film, by providing venues and free promotional support on social media for events and screenings.

The past two years during the pandemic have been both financially and socially difficult for the gallery. Art is a source and expression of hope and we hope to rebuild the gallery as a place that is welcoming to everyone and a cultural hub for West Grey.

As of August 1, 2022 we have a new executive director, Jennifer Norman, who will be reaching out to the community and would like to be highly visible throughout West Grey. We hope you will stop into the gallery to introduce yourselves in the coming months.

Financial assistance from the Municipality of West Grey would help expand our programming, assist in virtual program development and help us get back into the community. We are requesting funds in the amount of \$1,000.

The Durham Art Gallery is a charitable organization which has acted as a cultural hub to youth and adults in Grey-Bruce and is a local tourist destination. We are currently focusing on supporting Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) through our Youth Fallis Scholarship for the Arts. We have been serving the community for over forty years. The success of the gallery and our commitment to the community and cultural programming is well documented and your support will help us to continue to adapt and evolve with the needs of the community.



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Entrance to the gallery is free, and door admission is not mandatory, as we believe art should be enjoyed by everyone. We often work with the West Grey Library and the local school board to encourage children and youth to learn about contemporary art.

We obtain funding from various organizations, donations, and fundraising events. But as always municipal funding is vital, because it demonstrates your awareness and commitment to supporting arts and culture in the community.

Please consider our request for funding and help to continue supporting cultural initiatives in community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Peter Allen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'P' and 'A'.

Peter Allen, President, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Durham Art Gallery