

City of Mississauga Public Art Program - FAQs

Public Art – General Questions

1) What is public art?

Many definitions exist, however the City of Mississauga's *Framework for a Public Art Program* defines public art as a site-specific work created for a public space by an artist or arts group.

2) Why is public art important?

Public art will make Mississauga a place where people want to live, work and visit, by helping the City define its distinct identity. The Public Art Program helps contribute to the City's Culture Master Plan through creating an Artful Public Realm and contributing to vibrant public spaces and streetscapes, particularly in the downtown and historic villages. Public art is one important facet of how to make a city a place that is economically and culturally strong and memorable. The City of Mississauga is committed to the provision of public art across the city.

3) Who administers the City's Public Art Program?

The Culture Division has administered the Program since July 2010 when Council approved the *Framework for a Public Art Program*. The importance of public art in the future development and identity of the City is referenced in the Arts Review Task Force Report, the Strategic Plan, the Culture Master Plan and the Draft 2010 Mississauga Official Plan.