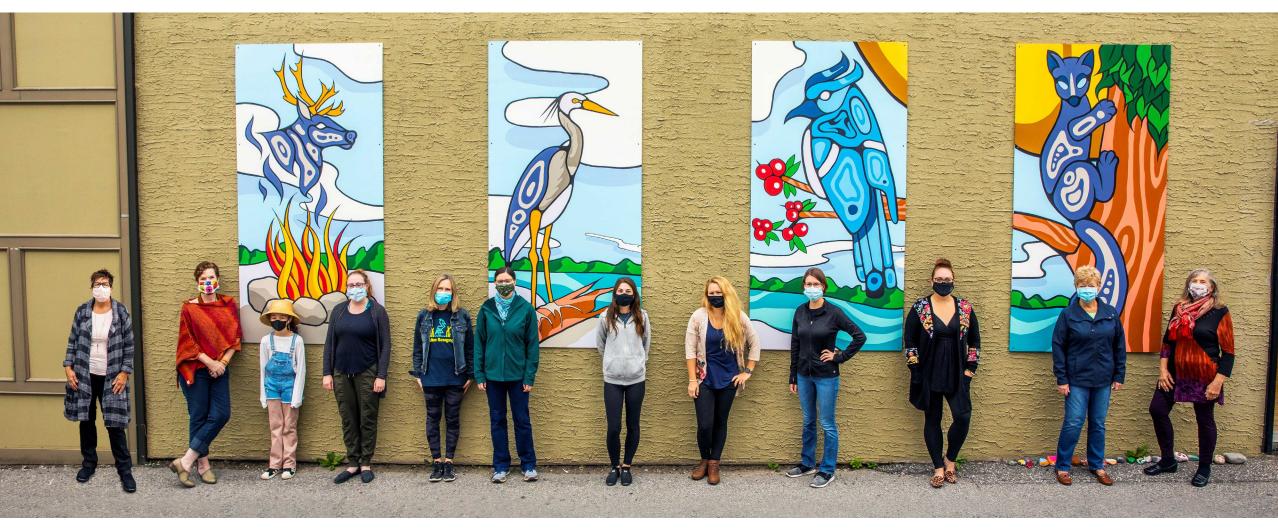
Durham Arts and Culture Collaborative

Arts and Culture Mapping Project Report





Scugog Arts



Visual Arts Centre Clarington "There is a lot happening. In order to take full advantage, we need to start collaborating and working together.

There are great examples in Hamilton and Kitchener-Waterloo."

- Focus group participant

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery





Leaksdale Loop Visual Arts Centre Clarington

"We need a central spot to fund artists' work."

- Municipality/Institution Focus Group Participant



Local artist Cheryl Rock at Scugog Arts



"I find myself having to actively seek [activities] out and do the research; whether it be to view shows and events or to apply to them.

It has always been a small community in my opinion, slightly elitist or an inside club that is almost difficult to enter (and not worth being a part of). I am starting to see the changes implemented by the cities and the region however, and I am looking forward to the future of it."

- Survey respondent



Leaksdale Loop



Youth arts volunteers, workers, and activities

"So many people are over Toronto...there are phenomenal creative people in Durham Region"

- Interviewee

Recommendations

- Create an open-access and community-populated database to make it easier to find information and opportunities for collaboration
 - We look forward to working with Regional staff to deliver a CityStudio project
- Enhance regional capacity and collaboration
 - The Collaborative has identified quarterly events we can host on a rotating basis around the Region, above and below the ridge, with support from Regional staff
- Explore regional arts council models to assess what would work best for the Region of Durham
 - We look forward to working with Regional staff to deliver a CityStudio project
- Hire a dedicated regional staff person
 - We understand this is not possible at this time. We do believe a dedicated position should be considered in future budgets of the Region of Durham to fully realize the potential of the arts and culture across Durham.

Thank you for your support!

Artwork by DACC member artist Dani Crosby

