



City of Kingston Street Art Wall Guidelines

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Street Art Wall Project Background

The City of Kingston Street Art Wall is a pilot project, approved by Council in March 2019, which establishes the Rideaucrest retaining wall adjacent to Douglas Fluhrer Park as a legal wall available for use by the community to create street art and murals.

The Street Art Wall responds to the City of Kingston's [Public Art Master Plan](#) in support of temporary public art, street art and public art to promote diverse cultural expression in a variety of mediums in civic spaces, places and neighbourhoods. The project aims to offer a new platform for artistic expression and supports the creation of street art in Kingston.

For the duration of this pilot project, the City of Kingston has waived the Property Standards By-law that states:

Graffiti 4.17

Written slogans and graffiti on the exterior of any building, wall, fence or structure shall be prohibited, including painted or chalked titles or messages. (By-law Number 2005-100)

This waiver applies only to the retaining wall and Section 4.17 of the Property Standards Bylaw 2005-100 remains in effect for the rest of the city.

Definitions

Legal Wall: A legal wall, otherwise known as a “free space,” is an area where street art and graffiti is permitted and encouraged.

Street Art: an urban style of temporary public art on walls, sidewalks and roadways that is sanctioned and permitted. It is distinct from **Graffiti** which is not sanctioned or permitted and is a form of vandalism.

Rules of Participation

- The Street Art Wall is free and open for use for 10 months, beginning July 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020. Daily hours of operation (7 days a week) are from sunrise to sunset.
- Murals, street art tagging and painting are allowed on the Street Art Wall.
- The wall is self-regulated and managed by the community. Paintings on the wall may be painted over by other users. Please be respectful of fellow artists and share the wall.

Participants are asked to only paint on the retaining wall and be respectful of nearby residents, residences and properties.

Content

The City of Kingston is responsible for monitoring the Street Art Wall to ensure content adheres to the Guidelines. Any content placed on the Street Art Wall which depicts the following prohibited subject matter will be subject to immediate removal by the City of Kingston. The following content is strictly prohibited:

- Was made in a place or area on the wall where painting is not expressly permitted by the City;
- Is gang or crime related;
- May incite hatred or violence against any person or identifiable group of persons;
- May promote stereotypes or negative attitudes about any person or identifiable group of persons on a ground protected by the *Ontario Human Rights Code*;
- Contains profane, vulgar or offensive language, or;
- Depicts violence or explicit sexual content

If a member of the public views content on the Street Art Wall that is prohibited, please contact Cultural Services at 613-546-4291 ext. 1158.

Paints and Painting

- Participants must supply their own paint, supplies and water.
- Only standard paints are allowed for use on the Street Art Wall.
These include:
 - Aerosols and spray paints
 - Acrylic or latex based paints
 - Exterior grade paints
 - Paint markers
- Participants may use brushes, sponges, rollers and other methods of painting on the Street Art Wall.
- The following paints and materials are prohibited from being used on the Street Art Wall:
 - Lead-based paints
 - Oil-based paints
 - No 3D or sculptural elements may be affixed to the wall.
 - No physical or structural alterations may be made to the wall, including drilling, gluing or chipping.

Waste Management

No additional waste receptacles are available onsite at Douglas Fluhler Park for the disposal of paints and supplies. Please consider this when planning your participation. Participants must remove all of their supplies including all waste from the park. Do not dispose of any paints or supplies in park garbage cans. Dumping dirty water into the waterway or on park property is strictly prohibited.

Participants are encouraged to follow proper paint disposal procedures and bring all paint waste to the City of Kingston's Households Hazardous Waste Facility located at 196 Lappan's Lane, Kingston ON. For more information including open hours of the facility, visit www.cityofkingston.ca/resident/garbage-recycling.

Wildlife in Douglas Fluhler Park

Douglas Fluhler Park is home to many species of wildlife and is a nesting area for turtles, which needs to be respected. If participants of the Street Art Wall see any wildlife in the park, please keep your distance and do not disturb it or its habitat.

Illegal Graffiti Management

The establishment of the Street Art Wall encourages use of the wall for sanctioned street art, murals and art. The City of Kingston is committed to supporting a proactive and cooperative approach to managing graffiti vandalism in the public realm while continuously supporting murals and street art that adds artistic vibrancy to Kingston.

If you witness graffiti on another surface that is not the Street Art Wall and wish to make a report, contact the City of Kingston's bylaw department:

- bylawenforcement@cityofkingston.ca
- 613-546-4291 ext. 3135

If you witness illegal vandalism taking place, including any prohibited content on the Street Art Wall, call Kingston Police at 613-549-4660 or go to their website at www.kingstonpolice.ca to file a report.