



How to do a placemaking project in your neighbourhood

What is neighbourhood placemaking?

The purpose of Neighbourhood Placemaking is to celebrate and explore a neighbourhood's unique identity, connect neighbours and to create a place people are drawn to, resulting in welcoming and livable communities where neighbours have more opportunities to get to know one another.

Projects are resident-led and a core team of neighbours who are interested in leading the neighbourhood placemaking project is required. The municipality's Community Developers will provide ongoing support throughout the planning process and financial support is available. Additional funding for expenses is the responsibility of the core team.



The municipality considers requests from residents for projects on municipally owned property and non-municipally owned property. This may include:

- painting on municipal street intersections
- creating stepping stones
- building a neighbourhood bench
- building a native pollinator garden
- building a mini library (e.g. books, seeds, plants, crafts, etc.)
- any other creative idea you can think of that will bring neighbours together

We look for projects that create opportunities for the participation of all neighbours to design and create together, resulting in a product that enhances public places and the neighbourhood identity. The placemaking project will be publicly accessible to the neighbourhood after it is created.

What will you and your neighbours be doing (with municipal staff support)?

1. You and your neighbours will form a core team of committed residents willing to plan and lead the project from start to finish. Typically from January to the event day in summer.
2. Your core team will hold public workshops with your neighbours to determine your design
3. Come up with a bigger group of committed volunteers ready to help prepare for the event day and to take on different tasks during the event day
4. Submit an event design draft to municipal staff to review
5. Obtain signatures from your neighbours demonstrating approval for the design and location
6. Source materials for your project
7. Hold the event, create with your neighbours and have fun

How do I begin?

Applications are accepted until October 30, each year. All residents interested in seeing a placemaking project happen in their neighbourhood should contact their local Community Developer before applying.

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