## Neighbourhood Placemaking: Introduction to 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. Financial support of up to \$1,500 is available towards materials and an additional \$1,000 for artist fees. Additional funding for expenses is the responsibility of the core team.

## **NEW TO 2026 PROGRAM APPLICATION PERIOD:**

Neighbourhoods can apply under the new **climate stream**, if their project contributes to climate resilience and sustainability. Support funding can range from \$1,000 up to \$10,000 – with up to \$10,000 (total) allocated to the climate stream across all 2026 projects. Final funding decisions will balance project impact with the available budget.

The municipality considers requests from residents for projects on municipally owned property, private property or land owned by non-profits. This may include but is not limited to:

- Creating a pollinator garden or building a mini seed library.
- Painting on municipal street intersection(s) or basketball court(s).
- Creating a stepping stone path from upcycled materials.
- Building a creative neighbourhood bench.
- Making an outdoor community film screen.
- Any other creative idea you can think of that helps build relationships in your neighbourhood.

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.



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