

Public Art Presentation

Sea Serpent

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Vancouver Expo '86

- The Sea Serpent is being offered to the City of Barrie by it's current owner, Mr. Alexander Sellers
- The Spiritcatcher and the Sea Serpent were both commissioned by The Expo 1986 Corporation held in Vancouver, British Columbia
- The Sea Serpent was an award winning design for Expo's "Marine Plaza"
- It is noteworthy that Mr. Baird was the only artist to have two major pieces on the Expo site











Ron Baird

- Award Winner – Allied Arts Awards, Royal Architectural Society of Canada and Ontario Society of Architects
- Appointed to the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts
- Graduate of Ontario College of Art and Design
- Founding Director of Latcham Public Art Gallery
- Faculty at University of Toronto



Ron Baird

- Ron has executed over 150 public and private commissions
- Mostly large scale works that are interactive, kinetic, sometimes musical, located in both Canada and abroad

“Something
Fishy”

Lake Simcoe
Conservation



Ron Baird

"Some artists are like explorers who create their own maps. Because of their discoveries our way of experiencing develops a new sensitivity. Ron Baird is one who has developed a new aesthetic form in Canada, sculpture in the context of architecture."



Public Art Policy

- Through City Council's leadership we have had a Public Art Policy since the fall of 2012 and it has generated significant interest in the possibilities for public art from developers, residents and the artistic community.
- This policy has caused developers the desire to exhibit public art of value and partner with the City of Barrie to create a sense of place and enhance the public sphere
- One new exciting development is a series of installations created by Ron Baird at Pratt Homes Yonge Station development

The Spirit Clock



Alignment with City Council's Commitment

- Downtown Revitalization
- Further completion of Heritage Park
- Developing the waterfront and providing a “WOW” experience
- Heritage Trail Project
- To positively engage private sector partners

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