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Council's Community Improvement Projects wrap up with completion of public art, naturalization, public safety projects and more

(Barrie, ON) – As part of the 2020 Business Plan & Budget, City Council approved a small fund of \$75,000 per year for ward-specific projects that would make important improvements to public spaces in our neighbourhoods, from parks to streets to community facilities. Councillors selected their projects, often in consultation with local community groups or organizations. The projects completed during the 2018-2022 term of Council were:

Project Type	Name	Funded by Ward Councillor(s)
Public Art (vetted through the Public Art Committee)	<i>the east end (puzzled)</i> , composite digital image at Eastview Arena by Andrew Maize	Ward 1
	Downtown Anti-harassment Campaign	Ward 2
	<i>About Time</i> , laser cut mild steel at East Bayfield Park by Derek & Tracey Martin	Wards 3 & 9
	<i>Native Species Illustrations</i> at the Wyman Jacques Arboretum Hope Garden by Mar Lewis	Ward 4
	<i>Lampman Lane Park Mural</i> by Andrew Hunter Elementary School students	Ward 5
Naturalization	Tree plantings at Osprey Ridge Road and Crompton Drive	Ward 3
	Tree planting at Victoria Woods Park	Ward 4
	Tree, shrub and plant plantings and outdoor classroom at Assikinack Park	Ward 8
	Tree planting at Shalom Park and Madelaine Park	Ward 9
Traffic Calming & Community Safety	Stanley street island	Ward 3
	Radar speed boards	Wards 4, 7 & 8
	Pringle Park lighting	Ward 5
	Street Island planters at Ferndale Drive South	Ward 6
	Temporary speed cushions and pavement markings	Ward 9
Additional Projects	Poetry & art book with proceeds to the Women & Children's Shelter	Wards 1, 3 & 9
	Painting of three Electrical/Traffic Boxes	Ward 5
	BIA mural on the Town & Country building	Ward 9
	4 Simcoe Street / Pink BMO Building art	Ward 9

"Barrie is a city of neighbourhoods, and this fund has allowed 18 separate small but impactful projects to be completed across the City, in 9 out of the 10 wards. I was pleased to see Councillors work with each other on some projects and collaborate with neighbourhood groups and community organizations on others. Making our City a better place is not just about the big things, sometimes it's about the little things too," said Mayor Jeff Lehman.

For more information, please visit barrie.ca/CommunityImprovementProjects.

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