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***I Love Barrie* contest invites students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 to share their love of the City**

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie's annual [/ Love Barrie contest](#) is now open for entries and students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are welcome to express what's special about the city by sharing artwork, a short story, or a photo. Now going into its sixth year, the 2022 contest is open for submissions until January 28.

Students are invited to submit the following:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 students can submit a piece of artwork.
- Grade 7 and 8 students can submit a short story (up to 300 words).
- Grade 9 to 12 students can submit a photo (must be high-resolution .jpg file).
- A class (elementary or secondary school) can submit an entry collaboratively (one work of art, one photo or one short story done by students in a class).

"The *I Love Barrie* contest is so inspiring and positive, I look forward to it every year," says Ward 10 Councillor Mike McCann. "Share your love of Barrie! I can't wait to see what Barrie students create and share about why they love the city!"

This contest is open to elementary and secondary school-aged children who attend a public or private school in Barrie (English or French), or who are part of a virtual school, or who reside in Barrie and are home schooled.

The three individual student winners will receive:

- An *I Love Barrie* prize pack
- Winners' names and work shared on [barrie.ca](#) and in The Barrie Advance
- The opportunity to share their winning piece at a Barrie City Council meeting in March 2022
- A feature on the City's flags in spring 2022

The winning class will receive:

- City of Barrie stickers and pens for each student in the class
- A pizza lunch for all students
- Winning class name/school shared on [barrie.ca](#) and in The Barrie Advance
- A feature on the City's flags in spring 2022

Contest entries can be submitted online at [barrie.ca/MyBarrie](#). All entries must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 28. Winners will be announced on February 14, 2022.

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