




## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	February 1, 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	"I Am Still An Artist" Project at Hamilton City Hall (Ward 2)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 2
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Carrie Brooks-Joiner Director, Tourism and Culture Planning and Economic Development Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

Industry, a local arts group, will be presenting a video project in downtown Hamilton on select evenings in February 2023 entitled "I Am Still an Artist". Hamilton City Hall is one of three locations on which a video featuring local artists will be projected on the building exterior.

The "I Am Still An Artist" project highlights the work of 15 local artists as a way to celebrate the art community's resilience and perseverance as the industry recovers from COVID-19. Funding to develop the project is from the Canada Council for the Arts, while funding to present the video in outdoor public spaces is from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative via the Hamilton Community Foundation.

"I Am Still An Artist" will be projected on the west-facing exterior wall of Council Chambers at Hamilton City Hall on the evenings of February 3, 4 and 5; the exterior wall of a privately-owned building along James Street North on the evenings of February 10, 11 and 12, and the exterior wall of Theatre Aquarius on the evenings of February 17, 18 and 19. The 12 minute long video will be shown on repeat each evening and there is no audio component.

Staff in the Tourism and Culture Division; Energy, Fleet and Facilities Management Division; Transportation Operations and Maintenance Division; and Licensing and By-law Services Division have been consulted on this project. No financial support for this project comes from the City of Hamilton.

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For more information on this art project, please visit Industry’s website at [www.industrypresents.com/iamstillanartist](http://www.industrypresents.com/iamstillanartist), or contact Sarah Ehmke, Senior Project Manager - Placemaking and Animation by e-mail at [Sarah.Ehmke@hamilton.ca](mailto:Sarah.Ehmke@hamilton.ca) or by telephone at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7505.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

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