Public Consultation Results

The following are a ranked list of the preferred selections and comments provided by members of the public during consultation online at the City of Hamilton website from August 20th to September 9th, 2020. Thank you to the 970 people who participated.

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Comments appear below in the order they were received.

- I especially enjoy the vibrancy of and story behind 'The Reason I Am of Flame.' It has sustainability past COVID-19, is a nod to our Indigenous Peoples as well as other equally-relevant forms of medicine/healthcare, and the title itself not just speaks to the healthcare worker being aflame, but the reason why patients are now aflame and bearing witness. Veldman's entry is cute and original, relying on a playful use of the traffic box structure while recalling the City's silent, social distant appreciation for healthcare workers. The sheer talent found in Kozina's entry is justification for a space, but could use some colour saturation to make it more vibrant.
- I especially like the ‘Stronger Together’ image promoting a shared effort. In addition to the hard work by healthcare workers, the community also made sacrifices and worked hard to prevent the spread.
- Love the effort to honour our health care workers and beautify our City.
- Each piece is beautiful and meaningful. Well done!
- Jeffrey Teresinski's entry is a wonderful celebration of healers. The artwork will be a beautiful addition to the City's landscape.
- Jeffrey Teresinski
- Thank you to our amazing health Care workers here in Hamilton.
- All the designs are beautiful. I love the simplicity of 'In Their Hands’ and ‘Supporting Healthcare.’ ‘Healthcare Heroes’ is just super-cool!
- My favorite is that of Jeffrey Teresinski. He seems to capture one of our stories and brought it into the present. His style is also more carefully executed. He paints as if he studied under the Elders and reveres the ancestors - and is not just talk. You can tell by his work he observes the rituals before he sets to work, or he could not draw the way he does.
- Thank you to all the artists. I wish I could pick more than three. There are so many beautiful ideas and creativity.
- Colorful Support by Daniel Kozina captures the pain, sadness, and sacrifice that healthcare workers encounter everyday.. especially during this pandemic.
- All are very good work, however picking three is tough. I feel that the three selections I have made represent awareness for healthcare. Good luck to all.
- Love the bright colours and the fact that grocery workers are included in the essential workers hero art! It’s great to see these positive forms of graffiti messages is our beautiful city!
- As a health professional, this is so heartwarming.
- Jeff is an amazing and talented artist!
- Love We Take Care Of Each Other!
- I love The Reason I Am of Flame.
- Fav is Sam Roe!
- Beautiful and touching artwork that exemplifies the bravery and sacrifice of our health care workers and the appreciation felt by community. The touches to personal history and life experience are explained with care and integrated seamlessly into the images. Thankful that I could chose more than one image, I would have chosen them all if allowable.
• I think everyone did a great job. I chose these 3 as I love their colour schemes and their message.
• All of the shortlisted designs are incredibly powerful, uplifting, and worthy of being displayed in the city.
• I think it’s imperative that we include EMS as health care heroes as they provide dedicated and important health care to Hamiltonians are and not considered ‘essential.’ Other ‘heroes’ (doctors, police, nurses and fire) receive plenty of praise on a daily basis. You may recall a large billboard on the Linc that depicted child drawings for ‘Thank you first responders’ - included were doctor, nurse, fireman/woman and police. What a rude slap in the face for paramedics. And I’m not even a paramedic. Please seriously consider praising all those in health care. Thank you.
• CHRISTA CLARK - Masked Ball / Bal Masqué Why selected? I really loved how this submission highlighted the capacity for joy and celebration that our Healthcare front line workers exhibit, even in the face of an unprecedented global pandemic. The fact that the dance moves were based off of an actual video made by front line workers is great attention to detail, and offers another way to celebrate the strength of spirit of our Healthcare team.
• LAURA SMITH - Inter / Connected Why selected? The interconnection of nature and humanity is of utmost importance as we navigate climate change and economic growth into our future generations, and this submission celebrates this connection well. Native plants are resilient and support our ecosystem, just as our healthcare workers have been so resilient and supportive of Hamilton throughout the pandemic. LOVE!
• RACHAEL BOSMA - Healthcare Heroes Why selected? Love the idea of healthcare heroes appearing in comic books in the same manner as Marvel or DC superheroes. Seems like a fun homage to Hamilton's healthcare team, and a way to elevate their important work in the public realm in a fun and unique way.
• JEFFREY TERESINSKI - The Reason I Am of Flame Runner Up: it is so important to showcase traditional stories of Indigenous peoples, and this is an excellently illustrated example. This submission would have been in my top three had there been a bit more detail, as far as more text (multilingual would have been interesting, with traditional text showcased), or more examples of figures, trees and animals to illustrate the story on all four sides.
• We See You, We Hear You, We Thank You is my favourite. It says a lot about healthcare workers being heroes, there's a softness, a bravery and realism that is relatable and makes you take a moment in gratitude.
• All of these works of art are amazing! But I especially appreciate the art that recognizes the role that racialized women play in healthcare and hope at least one of these pieces of art are chosen.
• I especially like the Daniel Kozina 'Colourful Support' I love the eyes and the kindness they portray let's put that one right in front of the JH.
• None.
• It is vital that we support the work and visualization of our most vulnerable and invisible communities.
• Let's include those often excluded.
• I've selected arts that bring Canadian together and show diversity in supporting the healthcare workers.
• What a wonderful idea, not only to honour and thank our healthcare workers, but also to support and showcase local artists.
• Bottom line, the msg all three of my choices convey, hit the spot with my thoughts.

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surrounding our super heroes in health care. Healing and courage trump the negativity and stress of this pandemic. Like an organic flower flourishing into interconnectedness. Equally they all convert different but very meaning and blessed msg. I adore each and everyone of them. Congratulations to all the artists for showing support through artistic abilities and creativity with love. Were all in this together:-)

- Whichever ones are chosen, they have gotta be diverse!
- Great work. It's my belief that the submissions to should reflect of various population which is why I've selected the images I have - one should be neutral.
- Better pay for healthcare workers now.
- Daniel Kozina’s design is by far my favorite to pick one, it’s beautifully executed.
- I picked ‘Hang in There Baby’ because that made me smile!!!! I picked ‘In Their Hands’ because that made me feel and I picked ‘Protectors of Hamilton’s Heartbeat’ because what’s better than a whole bunch of hearts and what is more important than a heartbeat!!... these 3 works of art made me feel hope they all made my heart sing in their own way! Thank you Hamilton!
- The work is beautiful and captures the great achievements of frontline workers.
- Out of the chosen 3 Dan's is deffs my top choice!
- Love the use of colour and depictions of nature and wellness!
- The only one I really enjoyed was Dan’s. It embodies the artistic side of the struggle.
- The selected piece should not represent a gender or specific look for a health care worker. It should also include the community and the passion behind the work of healthcare workers.
- Miss Thai’s is first for me, as it encompasses the whole community in it. We are in this together.
- Daniel Kozina #1
- Gore fountain is awesome as well as the paramedics dancing. The hearts 👍
- Amazing initiative and support! Thank you, health care and essential workers!
- Great project! Tough to pick but these three accurately reflect and celebrate Hamilton’s diversity while honouring our essential workers.
- A lot of these are very light in design and don’t meet the requirement of ‘subverting graffiti and vandalism.’ Many are too abstract and very unclear images used. Others I find exclusionary.
- So many amazing options. I like the ones that are illustrative of the diversity of the health care sector, clients, and services.
- These are the most striking! I love the use of colour and the clear message.
- I've selected images that not only artfully but ACTUALLY represent the message of ‘thanking healthcare workers.’ Many of the submissions, while lovely and decorative, didn’t exactly meet the brief.
- As a healthcare worker, looking through these submissions has warmed my heart. They are all beautiful.
- All beautiful and creative.
- Just stunning! I'm very impressed and think this is a fantastic initiative. Way to go... I work for Hamilton Health Sciences so I'll be keeping my eyes open for these to launch. Thanks for this great idea that showcases these incredible artists.
- This is such a wonderful idea and brings beauty to our city’s utilitarian objects.
- Hang In there - says it all - eye catching

The Power of Love - Healthcare workers do give it their all - not just their expertise
Healthcare Workers - great design - more appearing for business areas

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Great work ❤
- Love the message in Egerdeen’s, the strength in Whitney’s and the playfulness of Thai’s.
- Beautiful tribute to our health heroes.
- Colourful support - captures everything. It’s amazing art work and yet simple enough for everyone to see and understand what it means. Love love love it.
- All beautiful works! I prioritized the colourful designs and the pieces that represent marginalized people.
- A positive attitude without being trite - perfect. :)
- Amy Egerdeen’s design is pure beauty!!
- I like all the colours used.
- Designs that represent women of colour should be top choices, since this is the population who dominates Nursing and who has been on the front lines in this pandemic.
- These 3 works clearly showcase the theme of health care as well as addressing diversity within the healthcare industry.
- I chose these three because they are colourful, respectful, and inclusive.
- I believe the boxes should be colorful. I choose the artist’s that utilized color.
- It’s so important to have these bright reminders in public spaces. Art gives us hope.
- Wonderful illustrations of Hamilton’s gratitude.
- It is important to see Health Care workers in action. I love Christa Clark’s work of essential workers dancing and moving.
- So cute! I love Loridee’s.
- Superheroes!
- Really lovely to celebrate our frontline workers in the healthcare industry.
- Beautiful illustrations that reminds the community the things we may take for granted!
- This piece really spoke to me!
- I am humbled by the beautiful art. Our healthcare workers are definitely heroes in these times!
- Great job, the submissions are beautiful and uplifting!
- These are beautiful… what a great details… as a frontliner, I really appreciate the creativity and style… great job everyone.
- Such a great initiative. Thank you to all of the artists! Beautiful and inspirational!
- These pictures show appreciation for healthcare workers.
- These three images send a clear message of thanks without being too prescriptive or obvious. I’d prefer not to have language/words in the images as not everyone uses English as their first language.
- These ones exhibit colour and creativity all through simplicity in an easy way to get the message of support and thankfulness across.
- The colors are bright and cheerful so they are uplifting.
- I love the inclusivity of Loridee De Villa’s piece!
- I love how fun Christa Clark’s art is!
- Healthcare workers are not just in hospitals and doctor offices. WE ARE EVERYWHERE!
- I specifically love the image by Vivian Rosas. It’s friendly and intimate which makes me smile.
- I feel these 3, with the vibrant colours and depictions, as well as the messages behind them are all very representative of the state we are in right now. Lots of change for the good, even if we’ve been somewhat forced into it.
- I love the one by Loridee.
• Such heartfelt, eye opening artwork, beautifully done by every artist.
• I love ‘The Power of Love’ box the most 😍 It’s so cute and simple, yet is an awesome tribute to frontline workers!
• Beautiful creation from Dan Kozina as per usual! Love to see all the different community engagement he has done with his artwork.
• Love the Amy Egerdeen!!
• Beautiful, inspiring and reflective of Hamilton Healthcare workers.
• Clear message and beautiful works.
• Another great idea from Hamilton’s urban team. Keep up the great work!
• Hard to decide - they are all so good, both the designs and the heroic health care workers.
• Each of these pieces are amazing and lovely tributes to the people helping to keep us alive and safe ❤️❤️
• I absolutely love the design I chose. The colours, narrative and overall design are so perfect. I cannot wait to see it on the streets of Hamilton!
• My favourite is The Reason I Am of Flame.
• Love Vivian Rosas’ design!!
• It is very creative.
• The designs should be both beautiful and clearly identifiable as supporting healthcare workers.
• They’re all amazing works of art with a shared goal: to say thank you to all frontline workers who put their community before themselves!
• Can’t wait to see this splash of color added to the city.
• A difficult choice! They are all great. My favourite is the superheroes one.
• Loridee De Villa - The Power of Love portrays the emi t such positivity and vibrance which is very much needed at this time in the world.
• This is great but should be widened to thank all essential workers.
• Loridee De Villa - The Power of Love is my favourite!!
• Our healthcare professionals are the heroes especially at this time.
• I really appreciate the ones that clearly show support to healthcare workers, keeping to the theme and staying simple.
• Great project regardless the winner. Please do those more often for people, for frontline, and for artists.
• This art work is very nice, beautiful colours as well as the message.
• Thanks to all the contributors who took the time to produce such wonderful art!
• Loridee De Villa - The Power of Love sends a clear message thanking healthcare workers for the work they do.
• I particularly appreciate artwork that speaks for itself without needing words. Of course, colour, movement, & humour are all important, but there also needs to be a sense of caring & determination. This all speaks about hope & life. A huge shoutout to all those gave their time & creative energy to this encouraging project. Christa Clark’s 'Masked Ball/Bal Masqué' speaks to us of all these things.
• The three I selected best exemplify people as opposed to abstract concepts. Yes. I am a retired healthcare worker. They typify strength as well as caring.
• My first choice is Heather Perry’s piece. I think the concept of healthcare keeping us connected resonates and I love her use of colour.
• The Power of Love artwork not only thanks healthcare workers for their heroic works, but it also demonstrates that by wearing a facemask - society is helping healthcare workers by
stopping the spread of COVID 19.

- All of them look fantastic, but when forced to choose—these are my top three :)  
- The artist expressed the importance of the frontliners. The image shows how frontliners dedicate their lives to save others.
- Many of these submissions are beautiful, I appreciate the variety of styles but what I appreciate most is the representation of communities and cultures.
- These are all so beautiful but the ones I chose just stood out to me because they had a communal feel. Mixing a community vibe with the thanks we all feel towards our frontline workers.
- I really love the simplicity of her work.
- Love the 'connections' themes.
- The three I chose depict the diversity of Hamilton, our community. No one stands over another but we strive to be equal and to treat each other with respect --- the old adage --- treat others as you would like to be treated. Somewhere along the way, the old adage has been lost in this community but, hopefully, this pandemic will also help it rise again, to help us all heal.
- EGERDEEN's is a simple but important message with a lovely secular style that is reminiscent of a quilt, bringing to mind Hamilton's multicultural nature and interconnectedness. Also plays off the value of social distancing -- the triangles/stars are individual and separate on a micro level, but on a macro level they work together to form a larger image of success.
- LACKO's is bright, optimistic, and fun -- something we can and still need to have even now. The obvious reference to the retro determined kitten poster is cute, like a North American version of the British 'Keep Calm & Carry On' slogan.
- WHITNEY's beautifully centers often overlooked members of healthcare - female-presenting and BIPOC, but the common green scrubs also suggest nurse, tech, or EVS worker rather than doctor. Love shouting out people who do the nitty-gritty but deeply necessary and everyday work, not just the flashy stuff.
- These pictures reflect the diversity of our healthcare force and the love that we have for all people. Honestly they are all very beautiful!
- I love the diversity and inclusion in the 3 selections I made. Not only are they honouring the health care workers but I believe prompting health in many different areas of one’s life.
- The three above choices best reflect a simple yet heartfelt message. As a nurse that has been working during this unique time a simple thank you says so much.
- Thank you health care heroes!
- Masked Ball was really impressive.
- I feel these selections reflect the messages of love, strength, and unity that we wish to express to the healthcare community at this time.
- I'm a resident physician in Hamilton. thank you for doing this.
- These are all beautiful and moving pieces of art.
- Health care is a female-dominated profession. This fact needs to be highlighted.
- Power of love first choice.
- These designs are positive and full of cheerful images and messages that truly thank all medical staff. This is such a great idea to involve the community to vote on the designs.
- I love the simplicity.
- Thank you for this opportunity, there's so many beautiful works here. Congrats and good luck to everyone!
- As healthcare provider, I appreciate this initiative.
• All pictures are good but I have to choose top 3, so my top 1 is the design of Ms. Loridee De Villa, which shows the love for the healthcare workers, a creative, very colorful one which symbolizes as love and unity not only for themselves but for the whole country. ‘THANK YOU’ is the best word for them. and for the rest two that I choose they are also good and creative.
• The art shows the power of love of healthcare workers to humanity.
• The entries I liked the most had healthcare workers present in the image, appearing strong and centered, with vibrant colours, and in at least one option included direct consideration and/or consultation of healthcare workers in the artist comments. Imagery presents healthcare workers with care and strength, but doesn’t overdo it to the point of appearing too performative.
• I love all this wonderful artwork! I believe that using art to display our respect and admiration for healthcare workers is a great idea.
• The art by Loridee De Villa speaks lots of volumes and is extremely beautiful! It promotes three powerful and crucial topics that are highly important and relevant to our society; POC, the LGBTQ+ community, and our Healthcare Heroes. Absolutely beautiful!!
• I like the ones that go beyond visual representations of healthcare workers. I think it will age better. Also, let's be honest, we didn’t have that many cases of hospitalization in Hamilton.
• Ah! Such wonderful vibrant choices! Well done, Hamilton! Stunning faces, in particular.
• Congratulations to all shortlisted entries. There are many good proposals but I have voted for the three I think are most attractive and best communicate.
• We are not heroes...but we are doing a heroic thing.
• I chose these three because they caught my eye.
• I love and was drawn to the submissions that display diversity, resilience, and unity. So many amazing submissions! I chose the three that spoke to me of what the community of Hamilton is, and our dreams for what the city of Hamilton is becoming! Thank you healthcare workers!
• Beautiful works. I voted for the ones I felt would most uplift health care workers and patient family members at the end of long and difficult days.
• We See You, We Hear You, We Thank You submission is a beautiful combination of art I would love to see on the street back to a very organic painting on walls look while showcasing healthcare workers in a beautiful way.
• Beautiful, inspiring work!
• I selected art that had simple colourful designs that clearly show our thanks and gratitude. It wasn’t easy for a city to control a pandemic within such short time. Thank you our front-line healthcare workers!
• Thank you to our healthcare workers!
• Great artwork supporting front line workers! ‘In their Hands’ is my favourite.
• I love Christa Clark’s submission.
• ‘In Their Hands’ by Sam Roe is my favourite.
• This one is the most wonderful and sends all the feels to our city.
• Thank you healthcare heroes!
• This one sends all the feels to our community.
• Thanks to healthcare workers!
• None.
• A beautiful design by an amazing artist!
• None.
• Vivian Rosas' proposal brings combines pop, colour and lightness that transforms a considerable heavy topic into something digestable. I love it.
• Top vote for Kayla Whitney.
• All very good I like the ones that show key symbols that identify healthcare.
• My favourite is Andrea Warnick giving thanks. It seems specific to Hamilton and its healthcare workers.
• I want to see the words ‘thank you’ included.
• All of these designs are wonderful but I really respond to the graphic nature of my selected top 3, especially Sam Roe’s piece!
• I like the simple message of these three.
• Some designs would be hard to 'understand' at a distance.
• I feel like these are uplifting and will remind our healthcare heroes that they are doing a great job fighting off COVID-19.
• Love this!! It was so hard to choose. Would love to see all of the artists represented around our city.
• Thank you Health Care workers!!! Great work by all the contributing artists, so hard to pick my Top 3.
• Thoughtful and creative.
• This concept is amazing! I am a health care worker and walking into work everyday seeing one of these designs would truly put a smile on my face.
• So many good choices -- difficult to decide. I like this initiative to publicly acknowledge the job our healthcare workers do for us every day.
• Beautiful work by all these talented artists but the colour and emotion captured by my top 3 was absolutely stunning. Thank you to our first responders!
• As a senior, I cannot speak highly enough about care I received in several facilities during the pandemic.
• All of these works of Art are amazing. So hard to just choose 3. Are there not enough traffic boxes to display all of them?
• Jeff Teresinski art.
• What a wonderful idea! I have been recovering from serious health issues during this pandemic, and truly appreciate our health care workers. Every single one I have met are dedicated and selfless.
• Thank you for honouring our health care heroes!
• Married to a nurse. She's a hero. Thank you for this!
• All the artwork looks great and should all eventually be used. The ones I selected stood out to me which is why I chose them.
• I chose the ones I liked best of the art that didn't feature a person in scrubs or a stethoscope. As a public health nurse who has been frontline in this pandemic, I think it's important to recognize ALL health care workers... many of whom never wear scrubs. From Public health, home care, Telehealth, family physicians, and countless others. I of course am so grateful to hospital staff and others who wear scrubs... but I feel like this sends the message that only these workers are to be celebrated when so many other health care workers have made the same sacrifices, the same dedication and the same care to our community during this time.
• Thank you to our health care heroes! Grateful for their dedication and courage. ❤ All the art submitted is amazing! Hard to narrow it down to 3.
• These are wonderful and hard to choose! My top pick is Christa Clark's delightful and well-executed Masked Ball. Whimsical, uplifting, inclusive and so reflective of the affection and
gratitude that we all feel for those who are not only saving lives, but doing it in a spirit of humour and good natured grace. These would make anyone happy to see and put a spring in your step. So beautiful!

- 1st choice - Matt Fletcher.
- I love the one, simply because its colours are nice together and I just love how the image says support healthcare, it also says love. Another thing that this image shows is that it’s in our hands now to show love and support
- Thank you health care workers and fabulous artists!
- These artists have beautifully encapsulated the work done by our heroes in healthcare.
- Beautiful way to honour healthcare workers.
- What a great project! My daughter lives in Hamilton and we go there frequently! What a lovely city; we enjoy it every time we go. I love that there are no big box stores; many businesses are small, private owners and we love supporting that. Hamilton could teach other cities (we’re from London) how to do some things better. Looking forward to seeing the boxes sometime; we will definitely look for them. Keep going forward! Hamilton has some social issues that need improvement but the city is wonderful and can only get better.
- Support the Arts, let the art deliver our messages everywhere to everyone.
- We’re all in this together. We can fight this virus with diligent hand hygiene, physical distancing and mask wearing. Thank you to all of our hardworking frontline workers.
- Congratulations to all of the artists whose pieces made it into the shortlist. Hamilton is so talented!
- Brody Campbell #1!
- I think these 3 choices represent all facets of healthcare involved in the pandemic.
- These works are very uplifting for the community.
- Love the concept.
- J’aurais voter pour tous. Les messages sont touchants. Bravo, pour l’initiative de ce grand projet de gratitude.
- Loridee de Villa’s ‘The Power of Love’ is incredibly beautiful and inspiring! And all of the submissions are so creative and amazing.
- I think all entries have done a great job at uplifting the community and essential workers. I would love to see them all around the city.
- Healthcare workers deserve our greatest respect.
- Love ‘Hamilton Cheers’ by Jenna Gregory!
- Thank you for creating such beautiful artwork to celebrate the courageous healthcare staff in our cities.
- I think the three I chose are a good combination: we need to work to support each other, thank you and an image of the people we are recognizing.
- The three selected capture the view of what people did to thank Health care workers, the gratitude felt and the unity of all types of health care workers.
- I think this is a great opportunity to incorporate a picture with ‘black lives matter’ in addition to healthcare heroes.
- Tough decisions with this one. Our city has a lot to offer on the artistic front. Proud to live here in Hamilton.
- I was impressed by not only the range of wonderful art here but also the thought that went into them, as outlined in the artists' descriptions. Thank you for adding more beauty to our city.
- All of these were amazing contributions it would be cool to see all of them on the traffic boxes one day I heavily support the Hamilton art scene.
- I love Jeffrey Teresinski's work. Would be great to see some Indigenous work represented around town.
- I like these for their strong imagery.
- Love Hamilton's artists.
- Love the Clear Eyes Collective!
- Amazing job done by all the artists! Love the use of colour!
- ‘Colourful Support’ was particularly attractive to me because the eyes appear to be reflecting the exhausted soul of the health professional. Working in healthcare myself, I understand those eyes all too well.
- Can’t be blank.
- Amy Egerdeen- love the messaging that Hamilton takes care of each other! Jenna Gregory- love the art work! Matt Fletcher- graphics are very powerful and love the colors!
- representation of BIPOC is important.
- So many wonderful pieces here. The three I’ve chosen I feel best represents the cheer and energy through color. I particularly like the healthcare heroes comic book style.
- Represents what you see in house and apartment windows across the city.
- 1. Kayla Whitney - We Hear You, We See You, We Thank You
   2. Daniel Kozina - Colourful Support
   3. Amy Egerdeen - We Take Care of Each Other
- Art motivates everyone and these are a beautiful way to express love to our health care workers!
- Particularly like Brody's heartbeat concept and design, I think it perfectly suits the intent of the public art.
- Kozina's is spelled wrong (it’s ‘colourful’ in Canada) but I was drawn to it immediately.
- Sam Roe!! That's my number one. Captured the essence of the project message without words and with very unique colours. I was drawn to it initially because of the design and immediately understood the message. Beautiful and succinct.
- The 3 I picked felt spiritual, positive and healing.
- This is the only one that stood out to me. I feel like it encapsulates the city's loving, supportive spirit!
- The apartment building in Supporting Healthcare shows community support for frontline workers. It reminds me of the times when people went out on balconies applauding the health care workers. Healthcare Keeps Us Connected shows us the frontline workers at work - nice, vibrant colours. Superheroes shows the frontline workers as superheroes, highlighting their importance. Those are my reasons for choosing these three.
- All of these are amazing, it was difficult to choose just three.
- PS: I work at McMaster Hospital, it would be super cool to get a kid friendly one at our site too. Our patients would love it!
- Thank you to local artists for sharing and showcasing your creativity during these unprecedented times.
- The artist’s interpretation of the bear spirit really struck home. I’d be interested to see more of his work.
- The colour combinations are beautiful in these designs and will catch everyone attention! Thanks Health Care Workers for all you do.
- I love Loridee De Villa's piece, ‘The Power of Love.’ That would be my first selection. I admire the mixture of colours and symbols (e.g. hearts, etc).
- Every artist really did a wonderful job. Dan has such a great colour pallet and has really shown his artistic skills.
The boxes I most favoured were the bold, bright, graphic ones. They communicate Hamilton's celebration & admiration for our healthcare workers using simple, clean graphics. Visually they are easy to read & will look good for years to come.

Every picture tells a story! Thank you artists for artistically displaying the hard work and efforts of our dedicated Hamilton Heroes!

I want these signs to really show the diversity and the struggle that Hamilton rose above.

Health care providers do not only deserve to be called heroes but they also deserve respect: decent living wages, appropriate working conditions, which includes access to protective equipment, and for the rest of us to do our part in reducing the curve to reduce their burden.

Top choice is Christa Clark's submission.

Hamilton's Heartbeat is what it's all about. Poster by Brody Campbell

Incredible health care workers and artists in Hamilton!!!

All works are very creative and well done. Much thought went into all the posters. Beautiful.

Simple bold colors.

It would be great if some of the more 'cartoon-y' ones were also placed near McMaster Hospital. I particularly love the 'Healthcare Superheroes' and 'Hang in There' heart one for that.

Love 'We See You, We Hear You, We Thank You.'

This is a wonderful civic endeavour. Congratulations to all the artists.

They are all awesome my top pick is Brody Campbell, simple and direct. Heartbeat of healthcare.

While all are beautiful, Christa Clark's really touched me. I love that her focus was on healthcare workers dancing - in essence, depicting the underlying resilience of people to find and spread joy even in the hardest of struggles.

All very good submissions. Thank you to all of the artists who put their heart and soul into their creations. The reasons for my three choices, are i) to respect diversity and indigenous heritage, ii) to avoid too clinical an image or concept of 'heroes' (though it is a deserving label), iii) aesthetic colours and emphasis on community / caring. Thank you for doing this.

All are vivid, uncomplicated and uplifting.

I love the positivity and uplifting colours in these designs. I think that they would look great around the city.

Love the colour combination in these 3. They are simple and to the point. All 3 stand out immediately as health care as the one with the fountain symbolizes Hamilton.

Hamilton's iconic Gore Park fountain is a most fitting inclusion in Andrea Warnick's poster. Just like the ambulance, water is a life sustaining force. Our health care providers have epitomized going beyond the call of duty to provide life to our citizens that have been endangered by the corona virus.

Love the hands clapping. simple. but effective.

Hamilton Cheers, by Jenna Gregory, is clean, to-the-point, and uplifting! I think these are key considerations in order to reach a viewer in transit and from a distance. Well done, Jenna! It certainly makes me want to clap my hands in support of our local healthcare workers.

Jenna Doodles is a huge community supporter and it would be great to see her work used for such a wonderful cause.

My favourite is Hamilton Cheers by Jenna Gregory. It is clean and cheery and the simplistic images are very eye catching. I love the colours she has chosen and how they relate to health care.
• I love the lightness of the tone in this poster. It is impressive that the artist is able to convey such a strong message that is on theme without the need for words. The illustration style is easy to interpret for audiences of all ages, and brings about a sense of hope and harmony.
• Love these artistic creations. Wish you could choose all and make postcards!
• I love how this piece can be applied to all healthcare workers. And traditional nursing colours are a nice touch, while creating a visual impact!
• ‘In Their Hands’ really speaks to me and caught my eye! Love this.
• My choice was driven by the spiritual feel of the work, and the inclusiveness of ‘thanks’ in many languages, especially since Canada and Hamilton represent the beautiful diversity of people on this planet.
• All are very thoughtful. Andrea Warnick’s piece combines the best of Hamilton, and Healthcare a beautiful tribute
• I enjoyed viewing all of the entries. They are very positive and thank all frontline workers for what they have done for all of us. I think the most creative entry was the one created by Andrea Warnick. I always liked water fountains and I never thought of them, before, being fountains of life, like Andrea did. All of the heroes have showered us with their help, their time and many have even sacrificed their lives, FOR US. Thanks to all of the presenters and I love the idea of seeing this artwork in public.
• They are all inspiring! Can’t you use all of them?
• Thank you for doing this project every little splash of happiness helps and our support workers deserve recognition.
• Love Jenna’s work. A wonderful image of thankfulness.
• Fantastic initiative and this design sums up the gratitude towards healthcare workers.
• I love Jenna’s work and she’s one of the kindest people I know!
• So hard to choose but I especially love Jenna Gregory’s clapping hands. As a healthcare provider to see that every time I leave a shift after a tough day is uplifting and inspiring.
• Hard to choose! All are wonderful and show thoughtfulness and gratitude to those working hard!
• Very diverse options. All beautiful.
• They are all beautiful. I picked artwork that would appeal to both adults and kids.
• I really like the one with all the hearts❤
• The Clear Eyes Collective has ALWAYS remained one of Hamilton’s most dedicated and unique crew.
• They are all exquisite. So fortunate to have so many talented people in this community. I really wish I could pick more than 3!
• Andrea Warnick’s art work captures the dignity that Hamilton’s Hospital workers demonstrate on a daily basis, to our sick and injured citizens. Ms. Warnick’s inclusions of Gore Park, our City’s centre and historic symbol for downtown Hamilton, an ambulance and the words ‘thank you’ help to celebrate our beautiful city and the great work of our healthcare workers.
• I'm sorry but I find the one by Laura Smith a bit offensive, that the doctor is white and in front and the nurse is a WOC and in the back is a gross stereotype that upholds white supremacy and is actually not reflective of Hamilton's diverse medical community.
• Great juxtaposition of cityscape and healthcare providers.
• Go Jenna!
• Submissions are wonderful, thank you for this initiative and thank you to all frontline workers. I can't imagine where we'd be without you.
• Great work! My number 1 pick is Cheers by Jenna Gregory!

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• None.
• I feel these three best fit the project.
• All graphics are amazing! The 3 selected ones are the most vibrant ones to me. Their bright colours represent some positiveness in those difficult times. They also show appreciation of the (team) work done by all healthcare workers in order to protect us and save lives, but also show the support and motivation by the community.
• I think this is a great project. I already love the art covered traffic boxes around town and I think the current project is a great way to show appreciation, commemoration, and acknowledge that Hamilton is a health care city. We have so many hospitals, and thus so many hospitals workers to thank. We also have so may artists and I love the opportunity to see their work around town.
• I particularly like the depiction by Andrea Warnick because the fountain ties in a local Hamilton landmark and makes it more locally centered.
• Love Jenna’s doodles :)
• I love the symbolism of Jenna’s Doodles.
• Carla Veldman’s ‘Supporting Healthcare’ is my top pick!
• Thank you for the opportunity to participate and thank you for the idea to show support in this way.
• They are beautiful arts very colourful and eye catching and everything we want to convey to health care heroes are there.
• Love Brody Campbell’s the most.
• Love that Hamilton is doing this! Jenna Gregory’s is my favourite.
• Kayla Whitney portrays genuine & remarkable people in her approach which is a product of her sincere, informed philosophy. Well done!
• Bravo aux artistes de souligner les gens sensibles et de cœurs prêt à aider et soutenir à tous ces gens qui souffrent. Ensemble unies pour la vie.
• I'm a big fan of Jenna's work, this piece in particular as well as her contribution to the city as a talented local artist and community member.
• I love the image of the health care worker in this submission is so impactful. Her message/title below the submission is very good. The flowers in the background remind me of the city’s Botanical Gardens.
• I picked the 3 I think will best transformed from computer design to painted mural. Also choices include BIPOC healthcare heroes.
• I am so happy to see the diversity of representation in these designs!!
• KAYLA WHITNEY - We See You, We Hear You, We Thank You - A thoughtful and encompassing piece that describes what a lot of us want to say to health care workers, if given the chance.
• I am most impressed and moved by the imagery in Kayla Whitney's submission. The dual portrayal of the health worker gowned and in ordinary attire is a reminder that behind each mask is a person with a life and a family. They are all of us and, at the same time, much more. Her focus on black and indigenous women adds further meaning to her art layering it with a powerful subtext. This must be shared with the public.
• My choices, while different, all grabbed my eye and touched my heart. That said, the submission by Daniel Kozina gave me goosebumps, I very much hope his is selected.
• Our healthcare workers do a tough job. They need adequate supplies, staffing and mental health supports. They need more than thanks, but its a good start.
• Andrea looks like a great artist. I really like how she has placed the Gore Park water fountain into the background while featuring it so well.
These three art works, have a distinctive intelligent and sensible approach to represent the celebration of healthcare workers during this terrible world pandemic. The mix media used in the artwork of Christa Clark is especially successful in creating witty, joyful movements of men and women who meet their vocation by taking care of human beings in distress. The chosen title «Bal Masqué» is again a witty perfect fit with the subject, when we think of all the measures we have to go through to prevent the spread of Covid-19. I also believe that laughter and dancing are one of the best medicines! This is my favorite of all.

Heather Perry's artwork bring us a wide view of the healthcare system, often left in the shadows of those who work on the front lines. She reminds us to look in the future, after Covid-19. Her choice of colors represents well the caring needed in this world. Rachael Bosma's comic book scenes shows, with more gloomy colors, the gravity of the situation. She brings a powerful contrast with her strong heroes characters fighting the mighty virus.

I wish to congratulate the city of Hamilton for this great initiative. I also thank and congratulate all the artists who dared share their beautiful talents and messages of hope and kindness.

Loved Andrea Warnick's 'Giving Thanks'. The colour combination was amazing! She also brought in one of Hamilton's landmarks (Gore Park) and displaying people around it. The wording was simple but strong. Way to go Andrea!

As a retired nurse... Andrea Warnick's 'Giving Thanks' touched me the most.

Please see my 3 most preferred Art pieces identified above. My clear preference is by Andrea Warnick as it shows beautiful detail of our city as well as being inclusive of various cultures by saying 'thank you' in numerous languages. The detailed artistry Andrea displays is also quite exceptional! Thanks to all the artists for their efforts in recognizing the superhuman efforts of our dedicated healthcare professionals.

My favourite - Rocco Baviera's 'Stronger Together.'

I love the design by Amy Egerdeen that says community is everything!

I just think these submissions are closest to showing thanks to Health Care Workers.

I like A. Warnick for colour and composition. Not sure about just having English and Spanish.

The portrait by D. Kozina captures the eyes of the health care worker, and these days with masks, the eyes are so important to convey emotions. K. Whitney also has a good composition, but not sure about the floral background. The artwork is great overall.

We are grateful in these difficult days that there are people taking care of us and saving our lives.

Very thought-provoking artwork thanking, encouraging and supporting our healthcare workers.

It's simple, well designed and the message is clear!

Love the colours.

What a wonderful way to thank the health care workers and remind the general public that they all are still in the hospitals working away while we all are walking the streets, taking the buses, sitting in outdoor cafes and sending our kids back to school!

Love the patterns, the clear messages and colour palettes.

These are great! Support all frontline workers. Defund the police and reallocate funds and resources to community services! Black Lives Matter!

1-Masked ball pour la légèreté de l'oeuvre dans un moment comme celui-ci et le ‘clin d’œil’ de la représentation des poumons.
2-We see you, we hear you we thank you pour la représentation d'une femme, majoritaires au sein du système de santé.
3-In their hands pour l'originalité du design très 'propre' et représentant les bras d'une personne noire, aussi sureprésenté-e.s dans le système de santé.

- My favorite piece is Linh Thai's because it casts such an optimistic light on the future of healthcare and especially the hopefulness in the realm of pediatrics!
- I like the most Andrea's picture. Great color, Gore park, ambulance. Nice art...
- These works are insightful and exceptionally creative. I especially like the colours, imagery and continuity of Giving Thanks.
- I love the diversity, colours, and life
- Community spirit!
- Important to recognize all areas of healthcare including our responders, paramedics, PSWs, and grocery workers. Not just hospital workers. The whole community needs recognition in this art.
- Brody Campbell... Health care workers keep our hearts beating!
- I believe that these three designs are strong and would look wonderful in our city!
- I love everything about K. Whitney's design 'We See You, We Hear You, We Thank You.'
- This is an excellent group of art/artists to choose from, however, Kayla Whitney, Rocco Baviera, and Sam Roe are clear standouts and deserve to be chosen.
- Andrea Warnick’s piece and it’s use of the word ‘Thank You’ in several languages is a very important contribution in our multicultural society one of which is very prevalent in all expects of the medical field both essential and non essential workers. The graphic of the Gore Fountain a very recognizable image of Hamilton identifies who we are and where the people we are thanking live.
- I like Andrea Warnick Giving Thanks best.
- Loved Christa Clark’s masked ball. Perfectly and cleverly fitted the brief. It was beautifully drawn and expressed so many emotions on so many levels.
- We need a light-hearted design to get us through these heavy times.
- They're all so wonderful! Masked Ball is my favourite.
- All are beautiful, masked ball supports all workers!
- Love this idea! Supporting local artists and awareness!
- Love Linh’s Healthcare Heroes.
- I love Christa Clark’s work.
- Andrea Warnick's is my favourite. Her work honours Hamilton, as well as, healthcare workers.
- I prefer ones that are friendly and easy to decipher (especially important for people moving by quickly, like pedestrians, cyclists and even motorists at a light). People with vision issues and those with disabilities who struggle with interpreting codes/symbols will also benefit from straightforward images.
- I love the elegance and diversity of Laura Smith’s submission. I was drawn to the scenes and colours and think it would be an amazing selection.
- I would love to see more artwork celebrating the oft-ignored frontline workers: the grocery store workers, the janitors, the store associates, the factory workers. They are dealing with the brunt of the city’s anxieties and frustrations with minimal pay and deserve all the recognition we can give.
- Beautifully illustrated, with wonderful messages.
- I liked all of these but the ones that especially stood out included not just the health care heroes but also those they are working to protect.
• The artwork is bright, beautiful and bold and helps to lighten-up our lives in these trying Covid times.
• It looks great, very colourful. I like how she calls the healthcare workers heroes.
• Too many submissions did not reflect the diversity of our health care workers.
• My first selection would be masked ball.
• If there are a lot of boxes, it would be nice to put up as many different designs as possible.
• Daniel Kozina's submission is so powerful!!
• Thank you to those working hard to protect and care for others.
• Andrea Warnick all the way!
• This shows what great talent we have in the city and is a great way to display and promote it. Well done to all that participated.
• Great works. Some of these will add colour and an important message in the city.
• Christa’s is beautiful!
• All entries were fantastic but I like the one done by Brody Campbell the best, it signifies the love felt for our healthcare workers.
• They capture the compassion and kindness of our community. Gratitude is expressed not only through language but also in a simple visual and inclusive manner.
• Brody Campbell Protector of Hamilton heartbeat, eye catching and unique with the different heart rhythms.
• This is a great project designed at a much needed time in history.
• I chose the images without people in them so that a nice message and art piece doesn’t turn overly political (referencing BLM). It shouldn’t matter what skin colour healthcare workers have, they all deserve recognition.
• This was extremely hard to pick only 3. What beautiful work by all!!! Our community is very special and I am proud to work in healthcare and live in Hamilton!
• This is a great way to bring the community together and to make any city more colourful. This is a great way to celebrate our healthcare heroes. Beautiful art, beautiful project. I especially like how inclusive Andrea Warnick’s art is.
• My first choice is Andrea Warnick. Beautiful artistry!
• My 1st favourite Is - Brody Campbell’s work, I really like it and I feel like it shows the differences in individual’s by the different heartbeats, and the health care professionals that work tirelessly for the individual’s heart beats. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️
• These artworks clearly define the HEROES of today.
• Loridee de Villa’s art work stands out.
• All submissions are terrific. My selections in order of preference are 1. Andrea Warnick - Giving Thanks; 2. Daniel Kozina - Colorful Support; & 3. Clear Eyes Collective - Thank you. These 3 most clearly convey ‘thanks’ to the frontline healthcare community in Hamilton.
• Very artistic and shows the real heroes of this time.
• As a healthcare worker who worked at St. Joe’s during the pandemic, all of these resonated with me. I think this is a great initiative by the city of Hamilton!
• Laura smith is my first choice.
• I love all of these beautiful pieces of art and the meaning behind them!
• As a healthcare worker, I thank you for creating these beautiful pieces of art. It is heartwarming to see the support the community provided to us during this difficult time.
• I love Supporting Healthcare, because it shows the real-life ways that some Hamiltonians supported the healthcare heroes. As a healthcare worker, I found these signs and clapping a boost to morale. I love the humanity of Colourful Support, since it captures the exhaustion.
and eyes that have had to see too much. I also really like We See You, We Hear You, We Thank You, as the healthcare worker shown captures the strength shown day after day by healthcare workers during this pandemic.

- I felt the choices I made were reflective of ALL workers whether they are health care or not. Many people have gone above and beyond.
- I tend to like cartoon-y or easily viewed public art. It's frustrating driving past something and not being able to comprehend what it is or what it is trying to say. So big and bold would be my preference - like John Lacko's. Although Kayla Whitney's is a beautiful portrait. And I enjoy the little building full of people in Carla Veldman's.
- Excellent submissions from all artists; my selections include the partners in health care delivery - pharmacy, ambulance, community supports
- Love the designs and the diversity, here's to Hamilton!
- Love ‘Giving Thanks’ by Andrea Warnick!
- I like the feeling that celebrates the individual.
- Beautiful and inspirational artwork! Reminds everyone how interconnected the community is!
- Vivian Rosas' Lift Up: Mind. Body. Soul is a lovely reminder to celebrate the work being done to support our physical and mental wellbeing.
- I love this initiative, and I have chosen these designs because:
  - they put forward the nurses
  - they put forward the community feeling of gratitude
  - they are aesthetically pleasing (to me)
- Healthcare keeps us connected is my personal favourite. It is vibrant, focused on wellness and its symbols reflect the research and practice of the current pandemic.
- Beautiful artwork. All entries reflect the goal.
- All great artworks!!!! With the coolest message and art style we'll go for Loridee De Villa's ‘Power of Love'... Keep the burning passion doing this kind of art, you're all wonderful guys!!
- Its nice.... simplicity is there... but it's meaningful... it looks like real!!!!
- Power of Love!!!!!
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- I appreciate the time it took to make this beautiful art that will brighten so many hearts.
- Sam Roe's is so powerful.
- Sam Roe's work really brought an aspect of optimistic faith in our healthcare burden being in capable, caring hands.
- ‘In Their Hands’ by Sam Roe beautifully and appropriately conveys the message.
- Three of the art pieces that captured my eyes have vibrant colours and display outstanding art skills. Not only they showed the message of supporting health and wellness, but every element that is manifested in them reveal an uplifting and encouraging sentiment. This is a vital aspect in a way that when the general public looks at the arts, they should be able to connect with the theme and the positive perspective of community and unity in our battle against the Covid-19. After having a deeper look at the art pieces through the Artist Submission Booklet, the artists give me excellent insights behind their masterpiece. In addition, the arts would truly show its message on all the sides of a traffic signal box as a viewer could look at it from any angle and still get the same comprehension.

Overall, I genuinely believe that the top three art pieces that I picked deserved to be on the city's traffic signal boxes as they fulfilled the goal of this project.

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In Their Hands seems to speak on many different platforms that this spring and summer has travelled through.

Speaks to the people

All of these are beautiful. I selected these two because they simply just say thanks and that can be to ALL people that work in Health Care not just a select few shown in the some of the depictions. :)

The 3 posters I picked spoke to me. They would grab my attention and I feel that the message is clear. They show an appreciation for our healthcare system.

Although all of the submissions represent the goals of this project, I chose my top three as I liked the bright colours used and fun themes.

I really like Giving Thanks by Andrea Warnick because of her use of photos of Hamilton landmarks to really celebrate the city.

Merci infiniment à tous ces artistes qui ont mis leurs talents en action.

I believe these 3 options use cool colours, nice messages, and neat art reflections of the last 5 months in the community

Love the strong and evocative graphic quality of Sam & Amy's and the warm humanity of Kayla's. A number of strong entries.

Such amazing artists to support and what a great initiative to have them beautify our streets - thank you City of Hamilton! I love the ones that celebrate all the health care workers, and I like acknowledging how many are women and BIPOC.

My top choice is Giving Thanks by Andrea Warnick. I like this piece because the spatial depth and cooler colours create a peaceful space to retreat into. The realistic quality together with the slightly unnatural colours remind me that the world we hope for is not too distant from our current one. In creating a mood that is accepting of the current difficulties, it would also help those most affected to gracefully and courageously overcome them.

The selected artists represent complex and diverse images supporting our health care workers. All are unique.

The images that highlight health care workers of colour I think are really important to promote. During a time when BLM has been at the forefront of conversations, it would mean a lot for a municipality like the City of Hamilton to show from a systemic level that they support artists of colour and having images of people of colour celebrated across the city.

Superheroes is my fave!

I absolutely love Vivian Rosas' proposal of 'Lift up: Mind, Body and Soul.' The colour palette brings a sense of peace with its soft and delicate colors of pink, real and orange. And seeing our frontline workers in states of meditation and calm is very soothing to look at. So often, much of what we can imagine in healthcare settings is chaos and stress and I think it is important to honour the more peaceful moments as well along with the workers who bring that state of peace to their work and their patients. I actually spent almost a week at St. Joseph's hospital at the end of April due to a ruptured appendix. And while I was afraid to be there, due to the pandemic and a no visitor policy, it truly was the calm, stability and care offered by the doctors and nurses alike, that allowed me to heal up quickly so I could go back home to my family. The images in Vivian's proposal immediately tell you this kind of story, showing it's not just about the healthcare workers but the folks they help as well. I think this proposal would resonate with many people.

There is beauty in all of the submissions. However, the 3 that I've chosen, I feel, strongly meet the expectations of the outlined goal. Through art we convey messages of strength, unity and love. I look forward to seeing, which proposals are selected.

It is important to stay positive and help each other during this trying time. These designs not
only are beautiful, but also give us pause to thank essential workers. I think Andrea Warnick's 'Giving Thanks' stands out to me the most because of its depth of colour and intricacy. Also, her piece is specifically situated in Hamilton's history, which I believe puts hers a step above the rest. I would also like to say that during these times we must be vigilant and supportive of one another because mental health concerns are rising to an all-time high. Speak out and seek support if you feel distress.

- I love the depth and beauty of Giving Thanks. It's mesmerizing.
- Making good use of our traffic boxes with Art that remind us how lucky and grateful we are to have our Every Day heroes always have our backs, ready and always there to protect and serve. Thank you dear heroes.
- I liked the design of Andrea's art the most.
- Variety, simplicity, pleasant.
- It was hard to choose 3, loved every single painting. I'm so honoured to be a nurse serving Hamilton. Thank you.
- Great idea! It seems a shame to narrow down the top 20 from ninety some to 15. I would respectfully suggest that all of these 20 excellent art works be chosen.
- I think we are showing our support for our Healthcare workers and that is very important. None of theses depicted the cleaners, secretaries, background workers who are also essential.
- Love the colours of Andrea's box design. I think it will look beautiful and eye-catching on the city street. I can't wait to see all the completed boxes.
- I preferred these three as they were not whimsical.
- Love Rachael's, it's perfect.
- I love the effort put in by all these artists. The one done by Rachael Bosma is a really fun point of view on the superheroes that the healthcare workers are for us during these times.
- Rachael Bosma's vintage comic book design is both the most aesthetically pleasing and most clever concept in my opinion. Love it!
- Rachael Bosma's art work really shows a visible, easy for all ages to understand, portrayal of how our health care workers are the 'super powers' on the front line. Just like in the comics where we don't often see their work, so are our health care workers quietly behind the lines saving the world. And we are eternally grateful for them.
- Thank you Rachael! Great work!
- Rachael Bosma is my favorite!
- My first choice is Giving Thanks Andrea Warnick
- Love Rachael Bosmas work! The colours and concept are super cool and right on topic!
- Carla Veldman - excellent representation of Hamilton.
- My first choice is ‘Giving Thanks.’ The fountain is representative of Hamilton. Kudos to all the participants.
- Healthcare Heroes is my personal favorite.
- Rachael Bosma is an unreal artist! Fantastic work :)
- I like the contrast between the realism and the inspiration of my two choices.
- I'm thankful for the support health care workers show to their community, and so it is great that we in turn can support them.
- As a frontline nurse, many of my colleagues and myself don't think of ourselves as heroes. Colourful Support reflects our emotions behind the mask. My favourite. And a special thank you to Daniel for sharing his talent.
- These images show diversity, inclusion and belonging. Great colour contrast. It's simplistic but full of details/hidden meaning.
• Some serious talent here! I appreciate Rachel Bosma’s interpretation of what I see as strength and community.
• All of the submissions were fantastic - both in their design and the stories behind their designs. I look forward to seeing the finished results!
• I think Rachel's picture really sums things up beautifully!
• RACHAEL BOSMA!
• Rachel Bosma!!!
• The Superhero Comic Book style by Rachel Bosma is great!
• Rachael Bosma - The thing that stands out for me in this one is the fact that it is a old school comic book style which would look great outside- It will bring a smile to people faces as they walk in and out of the hospital. People love nostalgia and reminiscing about the past days. This poster is the best reflection of our healthcare heroes!
• All of the finalists are wonderful, and it was so difficult to choose just three. I tried to vary my choices, to best reflect all aspects of the pandemic and the people involved.
• I like the Healthcare Heroes poster best. It's simple, tasteful, colorful and accurate.
• It is great to see Hamilton’s amazing artists creating art to capture and thank our healthcare workers! Lovely work - thank you health care workers!
• It's important to represent minorities in the forefront; not just in the background, sides, or back of the box. Equally important to represent healthcare workers other than doctors and nurses. ‘Baby!’ should not be printed on the box; popular in the 70's but these are different times. The nursing cap in Stronger Together is not inclusive of male nurses, nor are they used by nursing staff in Hamilton.
• I like the direct and/or playful messages that need no interpretation.
• All entries are a true work of art and talent. It was difficult to choose only three. Hopefully more traffic signal boxes throughout the city and surrounding areas like Waterdown, Carlisle, Ancaster, Stoney Creek, etc will be able to display these and other artists’ work. Acknowledging all essential workers such as PSW’s and Paramedics would also be appreciated. Please correct the spelling error of 'colorful' as it should read ‘colourful.’ Thank you to all the artists.
• Rosas’ is my top choice - it instantly makes me slow down and focus for a second, and reminds us that our healthcare workers well-being is often ignored, and needs to be prioritized, especially in pandemic times. And it’s also just visually stunning!
• Amy Egerdeen portrays a unified image of what is necessary right at the moment, in these times reinforced with the words WE TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. It is a beautiful work of art gifted deep from the heart.
• Love Jenna Gregory’s piece!
• Carla Veldman's submissions is my favorite because she gets at the heart of how Hamiltonian's have, and can, practically come together to support health care workers. Not only that, but she also does a clever job of incorporating the medium in her design.
• I love all the options but those with clear messages and diversity represented are my favorites.
• Love this project!! I hope the artwork uplifts and encourages all our incredible healthcare workers. Thank you! :)
• Carla Veldman's entry strongly reflects support from people in all walks and stages of life.
• We need to be thankful for those who work day after day for our health and well being
• I like the art that is broad enough to include all health care workers, PSWs especially. And also maintenance, food service, sanitation and others who help keep our health care and long term care running. The variety among the different artists is beautiful!
• Each work speaks a different word in art, great work in the art of speaking
• Supporting Health Care
• Carla Veldman's proposal not only expressed our gratitude for our healthcare workers but also the city's support for our healthcare workers.
• All are great! I choose these 3 on content, colour scheme and style. All have strong message and aesthetic.
• My favourite is the one of the woman with flowers in the background. It's beautiful to look at and she looks like a real person. We are not celebrating faceless ‘healthcare workers’ but through this image we’re reminded that health care workers are real individuals who face fears and heartache to look after us. The colours and line work are great. Graphic enough to get your attention but with enough detail to hold your attention.
• Kayla Whitney's piece is striking. It's strong and beautiful with a clear and simple message.
• Thank you to the true hero’s of 2020- the healthcare workers!
• So many are to be thanked for their caring during this time.
• This one shows a thanks to everyone in healthcare and does not single out nurses and or doctors.
• It would be great if the jury chose art that represented the population of Hamilton (and thus the population of healthcare workers), including focus on BIPOC - especially as we continue to learn how people of colour are affected more significantly by COVID (and especially with the current political and social climate in Canada and internationally). I feel like there are also some inclusive nods to members of the LGBTQ+ community in a couple options offered, which should also be highlighted. One key lesson that the pandemic experience has taught us is that community, connection, and gratitude, are all essential components for living well - so I think this project should celebrate community, connection, and gratitude.
• Stronger Together by Rocco Baviera is by far my favourite. It most clearly shows our appreciation and the huge thank you that healthcare workers deserve. I think it is important for the art to be thanking healthcare workers rather than just a portrayal of them.
• Love the message behind these designs and the bright bold colours.
• Easy, soft, yet strong.
• My first choice is for Vivian Rosas, Left Up-Mind, Body and Soul. This box shows the true meaning of the work that front line healthcare workers have done through these stressful times. They have shown to the community how caring, unselfish, dedicated, compassionate, and empathetic they really are. Their professionalism is very commendable. My second choice is, for Daniel Kozina – Colorful Support. It exemplifies how many workers felt doing their job. My third choice is Kayla Whitney – We See You, We Hear You We Thank You. I loved the flowers and the woman is an example of the different backgrounds of Hamilton Community.
• I like the apartment building one cause it reminds me of what they did in Italy where they clapped for a long time as their way to support front line workers, and they would sing with each other or do mini concerts for all to hear. It was so cool.!!!!!
• These art pieces embody how the community appreciate our healthcare workers for being brave and strong especially during these times. They have clear and genuine message of gratitude.
• Creative, calming, peaceful, colourful with multi-languages.
• Nice references to local landmarks and a fine tribute to health care workers.
• This is a beautiful art. I like the remainder that we always as long as mankind existed needed support of healers and doctors.
I like Andrea Warnick’s graphics the best. Her message to health care workers is very clear and specific to Hamilton.

I like Andrea’s entry first because it slow both healthcare and Hamilton. I like Rachael’s serving because of the colours and it show Hamilton. I like Sams third because of the colours.

I chose Vivian Rosas as my first choice because her illustrations show two health care workers like in state of praying for the health of their patients. Also, the other two sides of the panel show a woman and a man like receiving good vibes from above and realizing the awesome help these great people in the Health Care System do for all of us. My second choice was Andrea Warnick because the artist shows in beautiful colours our city and the expression of gratitude to our Health Care Workers. My third choice is Laura Smith because the artist shows Health Care Workers of Hamilton, of different ethnicity doing the great job they always do. I myself am in debt with all these workers when I had a surgery at St. Joe’s.

I feel connected with my grateful feelings about all the support and sacrifice of the Supporting Healthcare workers.

Brody!!!

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Long time fan. Have seen their work grow from awesome to incredible!

I like the heart made out of the stethoscope!

Love the title/concept/colours of this design for the traffic signal box!!

I appreciated all of the submissions for their integrity and earnest desire to instil important messages of gratitude and hope. First, Andrea Warnick's preoccupation with contextualizing the message to Hamilton and its well recognized public landmarks in her images adds further hope to that message. These well-researched symbols of past achievements remind us that together we can draw from these achievements to conquer the present challenges and that it is the present efforts of the health care workers that are doing their best to help assure a future. I also appreciated Loridee de Villa's work for its emphasis on the multicultural nature of our fight against the virus - and that many health care workers are represented in these multicultural images. Thirdly, I find John Lacko's poster simple yet powerfully attractive especially to our younger members of society and among whom the message of hope and gratitude is just as important to foster.

Each selected submission captures the aim of the project in a different way: Warnick with the rich tones and multilingual message projects both the diversity of Hamilton and invites contemplation; Roe exclusively uses visuals to send a powerful message of thanks; Bosma draws on a comic book style to bring subtle humor to recognition in difficult times.

It represents a diverse community.

My top pick is definitely Inter / Connected by Laura Smith.