



The Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls
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Calling All Artists in Smiths Falls:

The Town of Smiths Falls will be conducting an assessment to inventory all its existing cultural resources within a 15km radius of its centre. The assessment will commence on September 15, 2009 and will proceed until October 13, 2009. The survey will be available online or it can be filled out during a face-to-face interview with Jeet Athukorale at an arranged time.

In recognition of the proven value of arts and culture to community and local economic development, the Town of Smiths Falls has initiated a community-wide project to assess its local cultural resources. This is the first phase in a planned series of projects that will eventually produce a strategic map for The Town of Smiths Falls to cultivate and enhance its arts and culture economy to enter and successfully take part in the new economy.

We are seeking people involved in the following categories to take part in our survey:

1. **Cultural Organizations** (e.g.: arts, heritage and cultural organizations, cultural or entertainment businesses, tourism agencies, religious organizations, community organizations, educational institutions, etc.)
2. **Programs, Activities and Events** (e.g.: aboriginal events, built heritage tours, county fairs, craft festivals, gallery tours, garden tours, literary festivals, museum or art gallery programs, music festivals/events, performing arts festivals, street festivals, studio tours, walking tours – cultural heritage, natural heritage or agriculture, winery tours, visual programs, performing arts programs, heritage and literary programs, etc.)
3. **Cultural Heritage** (e.g.: buildings, cultural landscapes, heritage districts, historic corridors, aboriginal heritage site, archaeological site, historic corridors, living history site, etc.)
4. **Natural Heritage** (e.g.: bird or wildlife sanctuaries, conservation authorities, cross-country skiing trails, provincial or national parks, public parks, scenic lookouts, walking trails, waterfalls, etc.)
5. **Cultural Facilities** (e.g.: culture centres, multi-purpose centres, private facilities used for culture, archives, community centres, fairgrounds, libraries, museums, theatres or performing arts venues, etc.)
6. **Cultural Occupations** (e.g.: architects, landscape architects, writers, editors, journalists, theatre producers and directors, choreographers, conductors, composers, and arrangers, musicians and singers, dancers, actors, painters, sculptors, and other visual artists, interior designers, theatre, fashion, exhibit and other creative designers, artisans and craft persons, librarians, conservators and curators, archivists, etc.)
7. **Cultural Support Occupations** (e.g.: cultural management, technical and operational occupations, design & architecture, radio, T.V. and other media occupations, etc.)

Sensational!



If you are an artist please join us for this community-based project for the benefit of our community. Your valuable ideas and input will define the municipality's role and vision for arts and culture development in Smiths Falls. A few minutes of your time will: (1) influence how Smiths Falls will transition to the new economy, (2) increase relevance of Smiths Falls' future arts and culture strategic plans to the community, and (3) determine how successful the future of the community will be.

Kindly be in touch with Jeet Athukorale, if he has not already contacted you.

Thank you

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