



March 22, 2018

Dear Mayor and Council

This year, the Town of Essex Arts, Culture and Tourism (ACT) Committee is once again celebrating local art and we're reaching out to our neighbouring municipalities seeking support for our Arts Excellence Awards initiative.

The arts are an important part of any community. Not only do artists contribute to the local economy, they also make our communities more vibrant and livable. These awards will highlight and celebrate local artists who help to better our communities.

We are calling for submissions of original work from artists and artisans who live, or attend school, in any of the seven municipalities in the County of Essex. The top three submissions (as judged by a panel of experts) will receive cash prizes and be recognized at the Essex Fun Festival (July 5th to July 8th) with exhibition and a second showing July 25 during Explore the Shore at the Colchester Community Centre. Work can be submitted in person or online, and must be made by May 28, 2018.

The ACT Committee seeks the support of your Council, Arts Committees, and citizens in sharing the Arts Excellence Award information. A copy of the call for submissions and related documents is attached and available for viewing at www.essex.ca/ArtAwards.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to celebrating and supporting local art with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Cakebread".

Cynthia Cakebread
Manager, Recreation and Culture
Town of Essex



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- Town of Kingsville
- Town of Lakeshore
- Town of Lasalle
- Town of Leamington
- Town of Tecumseh