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Call to Ontario Indigenous Artists for Expressions of Interest: The Nogojiwanong Project

The Nogojiwanong Project Committee invites Indigenous artists or artist teams residing in Ontario to submit their credentials, examples of prior experience and a conceptual approach for a site-specific public artwork to be installed at Nogojiwanong on the territories of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabe Peoples.

Nogojiwanong is an Anishinaabe word meaning “place at the foot of the rapids” and the name given to the gathering place, at the bottom of a turbulent stretch of the Otonabee River, renamed Peterborough by European settlers.

The artwork will be installed at a site overlooking the Otonabee River within Millennium Park—the present-day landfall and eddy along that western shoreline in downtown Peterborough. The exact location in the park is still to be determined.

The Nogojiwanong Project will support innovative proposals from both emerging and established artists working in a range of disciplines and media. Contemporary and traditional disciplines will be considered. Artworks should, in some manner, consider the setting and stories from this land, and bring attention to the evolution of local treaties and inherent treaty rights, in particular Treaty No. 20—the agreement between the Michi Saagiig peoples and the British Crown that made it possible for Europeans to settle in this region.

This Call to Artists follows a two-stage selection process. The full call and more information about the project parameters, treaties, and treaty relationships can be found on the City of Peterborough’s [Public Art Program site](#). Visit www.peterborough.ca, select “Living”, then “Arts, Culture & Heritage”, and choose “Public Art”. The total project budget is \$45,000.

Applicants are encouraged to attend an information session Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at The Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre, 580 Cameron Street, Peterborough. Please RSVP to the Project Co-ordinator, Wendy Trusler wtrusler@peterborough.ca. City staff will outline the specifics of the project and requirements. Notes from the session will be available afterwards on City of Peterborough’s [Public Art Program site](#).

The deadline for this Expression of Interest is April 23rd, 2018, Midnight. The expected completion of the project is November 2018.

All Expressions of Interest must be submitted online through [Submittable.com](https://publicartprogrampeterborough.submittable.com/submit/109406/call-to-ontario-indigenous-artists-for-expressions-of-interest-the-nogojiwanong). Please visit:
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This Call to Artists is being administered through the City of Peterborough's Public Art Program and funded by the City.

This information is also available on the City of Peterborough website www.peterborough.ca.

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