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### **Durham West Arts Centre Foundation applauds Pickering for supporting arts centre**

*Feasibility study to be included in 2016 budget deliberations*

**Pickering, Ontario (Sept. 23, 2015)** – The organization dedicated to building a performing and visual arts centre in Durham Region is applauding Pickering Council’s unanimous 7-0 decision to take the next step in completing a feasibility study for a proposed arts centre in the community.

City staff have been directed to include study costs in 2016 budget deliberations.

Council’s decision represents a turning point in advancing the vision of a world-class cultural community, says Randy Steffan, a Durham West Arts Centre Foundation board member who appeared before the City’s Executive Committee on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

“An arts centre will bring the arts of the world to Durham and the arts of Durham to the world. It will enrich the quality of life for local residents, promote economic development and become a meeting place for the region’s growing population,” said Steffan.

The Durham West Arts Centre Foundation has worked alongside the City of Pickering for 25 years, furthering the vision of making an arts centre a reality. The foundation has committed to leading related fundraising efforts and providing advice on governance and operational management.

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