



DURHAM WEST ARTS CENTRE

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Pickering Vote of Confidence for DWAC: a giant step for the arts

Mayor David Ryan of Pickering announced at the April 5th Annual General Meeting of the PineRidge Arts Council, that half the proceeds of the 2006 Mayor's Gala will go to the Durham West Arts Centre Foundation for a permanent performing and visual arts centre for west Durham. In addition to this promise of \$50,000, Pickering City Council allocated \$25,000 in their 2006 budget for DWAC in support of its operations and programs. Attendees of the PRAC AGM were pleasantly surprised by the Mayor's generosity in support of the arts. "While the arts represent the soul of a community, its associated economic benefits should also be recognized," said Mayor David Ryan. "By investing in a permanent arts facility, we are working towards a more vibrant, diverse, engaged and sustainable City of Pickering and West Durham Region."

"The Mayor's public support of DWAC's Vision is a tremendous vote of confidence," stated DWAC Executive Director Angie Littlefield.

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