

May 15, 2024

Fernando Lamanna - Clerk / Deputy CAO, Brock Township
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Dear Members of the Brock Township Council,

We are writing to formally request your support and approval for the Wishing Tower dedication evening, an event that holds great significance for our community. It is scheduled for Friday, June 21st, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the site of the Wishing Tower in Beaverton Harbour. We would like to attend the May 27 Council meeting to share further details of this event and our requests with the members of Council.

The Wishing Tower represents a symbol of hope, unity, and community spirit. It is already becoming a destination site for many residents and visitors. We gather as a community to celebrate the significance of the Beaverton Harbour and honor its role in our shared history and mark the occasion with this unique and iconic public art.

Our dedication evening will commence with opening remarks by MC Councillor Claire Doble followed by the Land Acknowledgement, recognizing the Indigenous peoples on whose traditional territory we gather. The program will feature several other presentations including special guests in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the first Scottish settlers, whose industrious spirit laid the foundation for the vibrant community of Beaverton.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the official transfer of the Wishing Tower from Beaverton Special Events to Brock Township. This symbolic act represents our community's commitment to preserving and caring for this important landmark for generations to come.

We anticipate a crowd of 50 to 75 attendees, including residents, local officials, and community leaders. Barney's will be open for refreshments. Attendees will be asked to park in the upper lots adjacent to the sculpture or at the arena. We request that the washrooms remain open until the close of the event. The support and approval of the Brock Township Council is appreciated. Your endorsement demonstrates the council's commitment to the revitalization of our valuable public spaces and to the arts and culture community in Brock.

Specifically, we would like to request the following support:

- Approval to gather in the public space in the harbour park with attendees utilizing the parking facilities adjacent to the park and at the arena from 6 to 10 pm Friday June 21, 2024.
- Washroom availability from 6-10 pm and access to a power source for AV and sound equipment.
- Permission to temporarily erect two tents for registration etc., the placement of twenty-five chairs and the placement of a temporary stage for entertainment.
- Permission for Brock Arts and Culture to host:
 - An artist information tent featuring Ron Baird's work.
 - An interactive "wish tag" activity for attendees to the event.
 - Announce a "Wishing Tower" art contest with contestant entries to be displayed at the Beaverton Fall Fair.
- Permission to serve light refreshments during the event.
- Permission to temporarily display/create a large art mural by R Wineck on the side of the washroom building facing the sculpture.
- Support for the works department to provide parking pylons as required and the loan of four to six reflective vests for our parking team of student volunteers.
- Approval to collaborate with the Brock Township communications staff to promote this event.

Thank you for considering our request. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Christine Dukelow on behalf of Beaverton Special Events

Press Release: Wishing Tower Sculpture Dedication in Beaverton Harbour

For Immediate Release

Beaverton, May 27, 2024 – The scenic Beaverton Harbour is set to become even more captivating with the unveiling and dedication of the stunning Wishing Tower sculpture. On June 21, 2024, at 7:30 PM, residents and visitors alike are invited to join in celebrating this remarkable addition to the waterfront landscape.

Designed by internationally renowned and local artist, Ron Baird, the Wishing Tower stands as a symbol of hope, unity, and community aspirations. The polished stainless steel highlights the sculpture's intricate kinetic structure inviting contemplation and reflection surrounded by the beauty of the harbour setting.

The dedication ceremony promises to be a magical occasion. Local Councillor Claire Doble will M.C. the evening program and the official transfer of the sculpture from Beaverton Special Events to Brock Township. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the inspiration behind the Wishing Tower and its significance to the Beaverton harbour and history and meet the artist himself, Ron Baird.

"We are thrilled to formally receive the Wishing Tower, a testament to the creativity and spirit of Beaverton," remarked Councillor Doble. "This sculpture will serve as a symbol of optimism for generations to come, inspiring dreams and fostering connections within our community."

Following the dedication ceremony, attendees are invited to participate in activities to contribute their own wishes and dreams to the Wishing Tower.

The dedication of the Wishing Tower represents a milestone in Brock's ongoing commitment to developing a vibrant arts and cultural identity, and the revitalization of the vibrancy and charm of the harbourfront for residents and visitors alike.

Don't miss this unforgettable event co-hosted by Beaverton Special Events and Brock Arts and Culture. Join us in celebration of the unveiling of the Wishing Tower sculpture.

For more information, please contact:

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The Artist



Ron Baird, world-renowned kinetic sculptor resides in Beaverton. His inspiration for this unique design comes from the natural elements of the harbour.

“ My desire is to situate the sculpture at the entrance to serve as an iconic welcome to the magic that people of all ages experience when they enter that space ... the whimsical elements and movement created by the wind mimics the waves ... I see the sculpture as a link from the Lions Loop and the Blossom Trail to the beauty of the natural habitat that descends to the shoreline. ”

More Information

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Help us make wishes come true by adding a personalized engraved brick on the path to the Walk to the Wishing Tower.

Beaverton Special Events presents



The Wishing Tower

by Ron Baird

Be Part of this Exciting Project

Make a DIRECT donation

Donations may be made by:

Cheque payable to:

Beaverton Special Events

Deliver to: Jim Lye, Treasurer,
25600 Maple Beach Beaverton

OR

Mail to: P.O. Box 125
Beaverton L0K1A0

OR

E-transfer to:
debbie@
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A charitable receipt will be issued by Beaverton Special Events, a registered, non-profit charity.

• VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

• JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER STEERING COMMITTEE

Buy an Engraved Brick to Pave the Path

Our path is not paved with gold, but it could be paved with a permanent memory of your loved one, a family motto, or a wish for the harbour.

There are 3 options when purchasing a brick to pave the path to the tower.



4" X 8" Paver

Donation of \$125.00

includes 2 lines of text and a Charitable Receipt of \$100.00



8"X8" Paver

Donation of \$275.00

includes 4 lines of text and a Charitable Receipt of \$235.00



12"X12" Paver

Donation of \$500.00

includes 6 lines of text or corporate logo and a Charitable Receipt of \$425.00

Make Our Wishing Tower Come True

In early 2022, the concept design for the Wishing Tower was approved by the Brock Township Council and included in the framework for the Harbour Master Plan.

Beaverton Special Events with the generous support of donors and fundraising has already raised \$65,000 of the anticipated \$150,000 required to build and install this unique stainless steel, kinetic sculpture.

The design and creative support have been 100% donated by the artist, Ron Baird.

Additional community fundraising is critical to bring this gift to life.

This is your invitation to be a part of the Walk to the Wishing Tower.

Public art is more

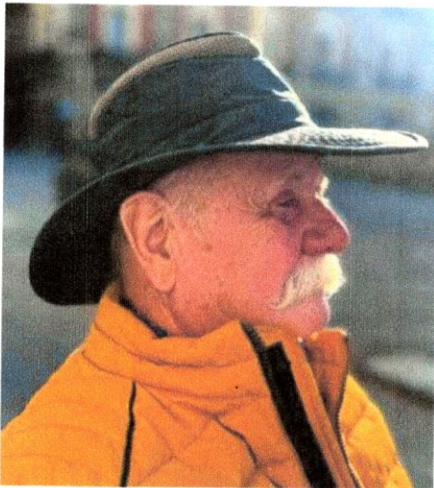
than just statues and monuments in parks.

It is art that is accessible and engaging to the public in various forms and spaces.

Join us for the dedication of The Wishing Tower

June 21, 7:30PM
Beaverton Harbour
at the top of the hill

**COME MAKE A
WISH WITH US**



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