

Dear Mr Mayor and Members of City Council, My name is Mary Karavos. I am a visual artist practising for over 30 years. I exhibit locally, regionally and internationally.

I would like to express my support for the proposal before city council to create a Guelph Centre for visual arts.(GCVA)

I feel strongly a GCVA would benefit our creative individuals and the whole community of Guelph. A creative hub would nurture ideas, friendships, a sense of community that unites us and fosters a sense of collaboration.

Having a centre for artists with studio space would support artists to practise their craft, engage with fellow artists, teach and sell their work. The existence of such a space would be an invitation for our community and visitors to Guelph to witness and support our talents. In fact, Guelph would become an arts destination for local tourism as well.

I travel outside of Guelph to exhibit and sell my work.  
I have witnessed personally when I open my studio for the Guelph Studio Tour and Art In The Street people come from afar to visit.

A Guelph Centre for Visual Arts would be a wonderful addition to the Guelph Community, there is no doubt. To offer such a space would help creatives flourish and our community flourish.

Sincerely,

Mary Karavos AOCA