

Miklos Legrady  
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Toronto, ON M5T 2S3

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Dear Miklos Legrady,

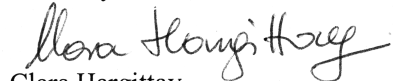
In keeping with Toronto's commitment to foster quality cultural initiatives, the Public Art Office of the City of Toronto is pleased to lend a supporting voice to your initiative to paint a spiraling mural on the smokestack of the Toronto Western Hospital.

Using the hospital's corporate colours, *Blue Sky Spiral*, will soften the looming presence of this massive industrial structure over the neighbourhoods at Bathurst and Dundas Streets, and will transform it into a land mark and an architectural form of great visual interest.

Understanding that the smokestack is necessary for the operations of the hospital and despite the community's call for its removal it can not be demolished, your artistic intervention has the potential through the transformative power of public art to turn an unsightly structure into a positive presence, into a beacon so to speak, signaling the location as a centre of healing. On another level, your project also brings into focus the pressing environmental challenges facing the urban public realm and poses questions about sustainability and the vulnerability of both human beings and the environment, in thought provoking ways.

Wishing you great success and hoping that you and your team will receive all the support you need to realize this admirable project.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Clara Hargittay".

Clara Hargittay  
Public Art Officer

