



December 15, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Support for Bain Avenue Mural (BAM) Project

I am writing today as the TDSB Trustee elected for Toronto-Danforth to express my support and commitment to the Bain Avenue Mural (BAM) Project.

I understand that this project, since it began in 2019, has received financial support from the Ontario Arts Council as well as StreetARToronto, and our community is grateful for this support. This project is expected to contribute in an important way to Truth and Reconciliation in our community, by profiling the beautiful artwork of Indigenous Artist Philip Cote on a schoolyard retaining wall that is maintained by Withrow Avenue Junior Public School/Quest Alternative Senior School.

I understand that the TDSB is working to repair the retaining wall, and this is expected to ultimately extend the life of the mural artwork. However, the process involved in the wall repair has required more time than initially expected due to the structural analysis and design work that has been undertaken, leading up to completing the repair work that is anticipated for Spring 2025, though further delays may arise due to unforeseen circumstances.

While the situation with the wall repair has delayed the installation of the mural, I do understand that once the structural work is completed it will contribute to a more lasting contribution in our community.

Please know that our Toronto-Danforth community remains very committed to this work, and I will continue to work as area school trustee to champion this project however possible.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sara Ehrhardt'.

Thank you again for your continued support of this project, take care,

-Sara Ehrhardt

TDSB Trustee, Toronto-Danforth