Investigation of the Possible installation of Street or Intersection Murals in Toronto - by Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations
Councillor Cesar Palacio, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report back to Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in the fourth quarter of 2015 on a process to permit community groups to install "street or intersection murals" on local streets, including the benefits to communities, any traffic impacts, and staffing and other cost implications for such a program.

Summary
Street and Intersection Murals are community art projects where local street intersections are painted by residents in an effort to beautify the neighbourhood and promote community engagement. These programs have been established in many cities across North America including Ottawa, Halifax, Portland, New York, among others.

In Toronto, public art has been created on streets using chalk and temporary materials. There have been requests from the community to install permanent murals with road paint. This would require further investigation into processes for approval, traffic safety, maintenance, as well resource implications for the City.

Background Information (City Council)
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