

PHOTO EXHIBITION CONTEST RULES
Presented by Mayor David West

I LOVE RICHMOND HILL (the “Exhibition”)

From 8:30 a.m. on August 1 2023 EST to 11:59 p.m. on October 1 2023 EST
 (“Submission Period”)

The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill (“the Corporation”)

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Exhibition. This document will provide you with the necessary information and instructions to submit your photographs for consideration.

The theme of the Exhibition is “I Love Richmond Hill”. This is an invitation to share what it is that you love about our City – showcase what YOU believe is beautiful, unique, or special about Richmond Hill. Participants can capture photographs that depict personal connections and appreciation for Richmond Hill.

1. Eligibility:

- a. The Exhibition is open to all residents of Richmond Hill and to individuals who work in Richmond Hill.
- b. Participants must be at least 18 years of age **or** have the consent of a legal guardian if they are younger. Please complete the correct Acknowledgement and Waiver form.

2. How to Enter:

- a. No purchase required.
- b. To enter, participants may submit up to two (2) photographs in accordance with the Submission Guidelines below representing what they love about Richmond Hill, such as the city's landmarks, natural beauty, cultural events, community activities, people, or any aspect that resonates with the theme.
- c. To be valid, your entry must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on October 1 2023 by uploading your Photo(s) as outlined here: www.DavidWest-richmondhill.ca/I-Love-Richmond-Hill/

3. Submission Guidelines:

- a. Participants may submit up to two (2) digital photographs for consideration.
- b. The photographs must be in JPEG format. They must be no greater than 3 MB in size.
- c. Participants may only submit their own original photographs, taken by them and not by any other person. Images that are generated or by artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms are not eligible for submission. This includes images created through text prompts or related methods. The scope of this restriction includes whole images as well as portions of images.
- d. Photographs with watermarks or signatures will not be accepted.
- e. Photographs that portray or otherwise include inappropriate and/or offensive content, including, but not limited to, nudity, violence, human rights and/or environmental violation and/or any other contents deemed to be contrary to

the law, religious, cultural & moral traditions and practices, are strictly prohibited and will be immediately discarded.

- f. Participants may only make one (1) submission consisting of two (2) photos. Participants attempting or that are suspected of attempting to enter more than once per the Submission Period or use robotic, automatic, programmed or any entry methods not authorized by these rules, it shall be deemed as tampering and will void your entries.
- g. Participants must obtain and be able to present on request a completed Image Release form from *identifiable* individuals in the photo(s) submitted.

4. Content and Style:

- a. Participants are encouraged to showcase their love for Richmond Hill through creative and visually appealing photographs.
- b. The photographs can capture the city's landmarks, natural beauty, cultural events, community activities, people, or any aspect that resonates with the theme.
- c. Images can be in color or black and white, and various photographic styles (e.g., landscape, portrait, street photography) are welcome.

5. Submission Process:

- a. Photographs are to be submitted by logging on to www.DavidWest-richmondhill.ca/I-Love-Richmond-Hill/ and follow the instructions detailed there.
- b. Neither the Corporation nor its appointees, directors, officers, employees, agents or volunteers, assume any responsibility for the failure of the internet or any websites during the Submission Period, for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers, access providers, or at any website, internet or any combination thereof including any injury or damage to an entrant's or any other person's computer related to making a submission.

6. Deadline: The deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m. EST October 1 2023. Entries received after this date will not be considered.

7. Selection and Notification:

- a. A panel of judges consisting of experienced photographers, artists, and representatives from the Corporation will evaluate the submissions based on creativity, originality, technical excellence, and adherence to the theme.
- b. The judges will evaluate submission in two categories:
 - i. Under 18 years of age
 - ii. Over 18 years of age
- c. The judging panel's decision will be final and cannot be contested.
- d. Participants whose photographs are chosen for the Exhibition will be notified via email or phone by October 10, 2023. Selected participants will be asked to provide high-resolution images for quality printing and may also be required to present image releases from all identifiable individuals in the Photo(s).
- e. If you are unable to produce an image of high-resolution for printing, your photograph will be displayed digitally, rather than in print form.
- f. Due to the anticipated volume of submissions, only selected participants will be contacted.

8. Display of Selected Photos:

- a. If your photograph is selected, it will be displayed November 15th at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, 10268 Yonge St, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3B7.
- b. If your photograph is selected, you will also receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Mayor.

9. Return of Photographs: Prints will not be returned.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and celebrating your love for Richmond Hill through this Exhibition. Your participation is invaluable in showcasing the city's beauty and creating a sense of community pride. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Kate Davey, Communications Officer.
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