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***I Love Barrie* contest winners announced**

"Barrie called to all the beautiful things in the world and crammed them all up into one city."
~ Evan Hutt's *I Love Barrie* contest submission

(Barrie, ON) From February 1 to 22, The City of Barrie welcomed entries from youth sharing why they love Barrie. The *I Love Barrie* contest was open to all elementary-aged children.

Students from 20 elementary schools across the city submitted artwork and essays.

"We received many insightful essays and heart-warming artwork pieces for the *I Love Barrie* contest," said Ward 10 Councillor Mike McCann. "It's so inspiring to see how engaged our youth are and how much they love our city. I want to thank everyone who took the time to submit a contest entry."

The *I Love Barrie* contest winners are:

Primary (Kindergarten to Grade 3): Carol Gao, Grade 2, Hewitt's Creek Public School

Junior (Grade 4 to 6): Sanjit Narasimhan, Grade 4, Ferndale Woods Elementary School

Intermediate (Grade 7 and 8): Evan Hutt, Grade 7, The Good Shepherd Catholic School

Honourable Mention: Lillianne Forest, Kindergarten, École élémentaire La Source

The top three winners will have their submissions published on barrie.ca and shared in The Barrie Advance in the City's "This Week in Barrie" feature in March. They will also showcase their artwork or read their essay at the Barrie Council meeting on March 25. The Honourable Mention winner receives an *I Love Barrie* prize pack.

The winning entries can be viewed on the [City's website](http://barrie.ca).

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