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Nationally Acclaimed Artist Wins Public Art Competition in Cambridge

Cambridge, Ontario. October 30, 2007 -- His work can be found in the National Gallery of Canada and the Art Gallery of Ontario. Now, Stephen Cruise is bringing his highly engaging visual art to the New Cambridge City Hall.

City Council last night announced that the Montreal-born artist is the winner of the Public Art Competition. Cruise's sculpture "indigena domain" will be commissioned for permanent display in front of the New City Hall building located at 50 Dickson Street.

"Congratulations to Stephen for his winning design," says Mayor Doug Craig. "I am sure that Cambridge residents and business leaders will love the original way his work relates to our community."

"indigena domain" traces the history of the local communities and draws from the natural significance of the region. The sculpture references deer hooves for Blair, grist mill wheels for Galt, trees for Preston and a Beehive for Hespeler. The Grand River unites the entire work.

Cruise and his work won over a five-person jury of distinguished art experts and scholars including Heather Franklin, founding member of the Cambridge Sculpture Garden and Laurie MacLean, 4th year student at the University of Waterloo's School of Architecture in Cambridge. In all, the city received thirty-seven submissions for consideration. Cruise was chosen from a list of three finalists.

"This reinforces that public art is important to this community," says Craig.

Stephen Cruise was born in Montreal and studied at the Ontario College of Art. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally since the early seventies. It can be found in many private, corporate and public collections. Locally, another Cruise sculpture entitled "Stock" is already on display in the courtyard of the Cambridge Libraries and Galleries' Preston location.

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The New Cambridge City Hall is scheduled for completion in December 2007. It will be open for business in February 2008. For more information contact the City of Cambridge at 519-623-1340 or 519-740-4517 or email: questions@cambridge.ca. Visit us on the web at: www.cambridge.ca