

Original images of *The Visitor*



Exhibit A

Call for Artist - Restoration of *The Visitor*

June 2023

Alpharetta's Cultural Services Division seeks an artist skilled in refurbishing an existing sculpture in its permanent collection: ***The Visitor*** by Canadian artist, Geemon Xin Meng. The Visitor is fiberglass over an armature, painted with acrylics. It was installed in 2018 in Brooke Street Park in Alpharetta on the property of City Hall.

The Visitor is a slight departure for the artist, a sought-after portrait sculptor, who has created commissioned works for well-known figures such as Neil Young and Pierre Trudeau. With the tilt of the bear's head, the placement of the paws on his belly and the words scrawled across his body, one can, almost hear him say "Hello. Come talk to me." The endearing qualities are enhanced by the deliberate misshapen form that suggests furry heft. "The Visitor" personifies the welcoming nature of Alpharetta.

Size: 55" h x 35" w x 27" d

Medium: fiberglass and acrylic paint

Value: \$2000

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