

# North York Arts - Wayfinding Guide

This guide will help you get to North York Arts (NYA). It will also help you plan your route and provide information about the accessibility of the NYA office.

NYA serves individuals and communities located within North York's 6 wards. The 6 wards located in North York are: 6 (York Centre), 8 (Eglinton-Lawrence), 15 (Don Valley West), 16 (Don Valley East), 17 (Don Valley North), 18 (Willowdale) and M3N postal codes – Find your ward [here](#). We provide inclusive arts events and programs to youth, families, and seniors with a focus on programs to serve the Newcomer and Neighbourhood Improvement Area communities. In addition, we provide services and programs to support both emerging and established local artists and arts organizations.

North York Arts is strongly committed to equity and inclusion within the community and strives to create safer spaces for BIPOC-identifying individuals and 2SLGBTQIAP community members. Please note that the NYA office is currently inaccessible to mobility device users.

## North York Arts Office

- The North York Arts Office is a coworking hub with a large window that peeks into the Meridian Arts Centre lobbies. The office is used by staff to administer and deliver programming across the 6 wards of North York.
- The North York Arts office is also available to artists that register to the Grow North Coworking sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays to host a variety of events including workshops, presentations, networking events, readings, and more!

## Getting Here

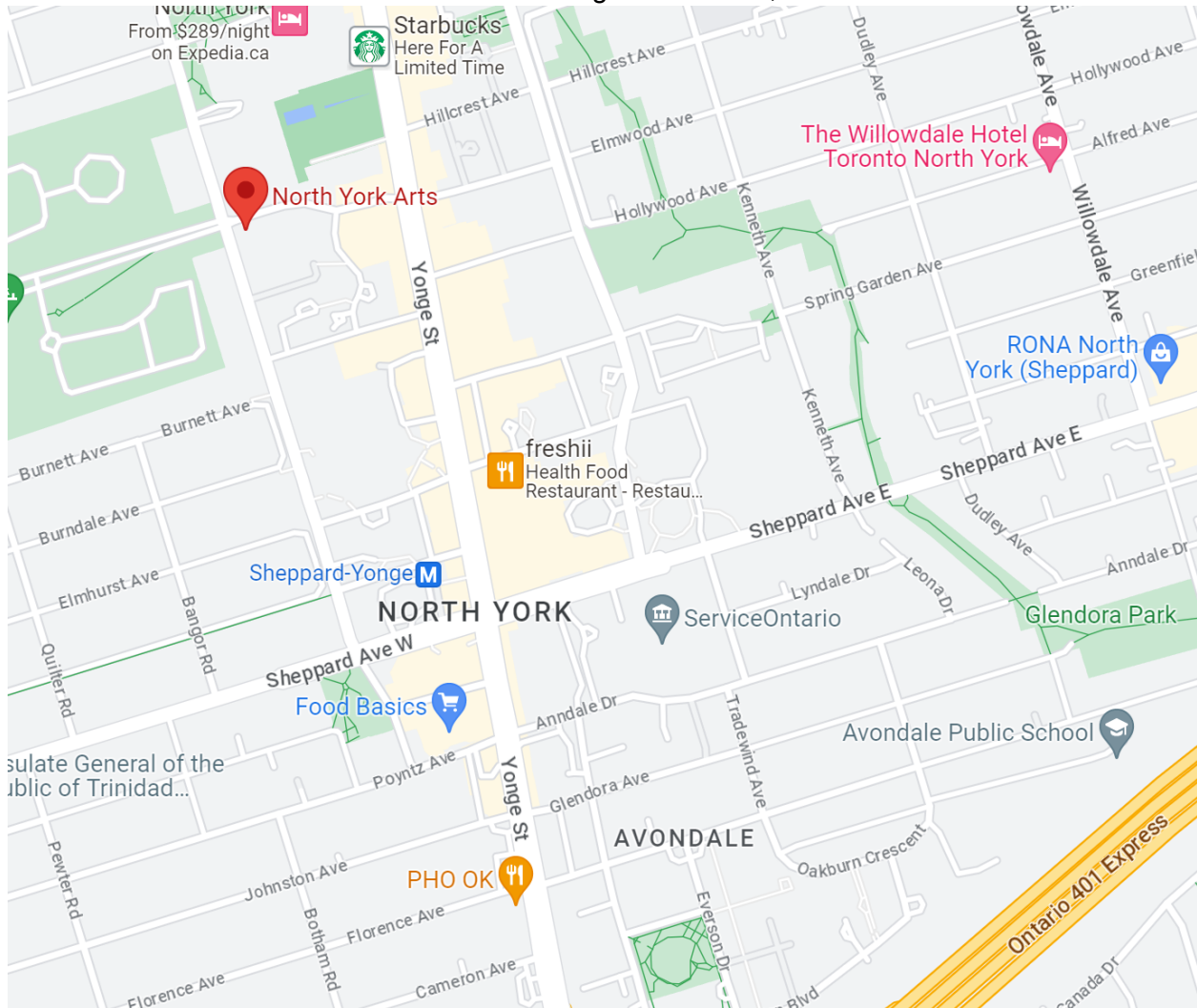
- The North York Arts office is located inside Meridian Arts Centre above the Box Office situated on North York Boulevard South from the North York Civic Centre. The address is 5040 Yonge Street, Toronto ON.
- North York Arts is accessible by vehicle, bicycle, bus, subway, and more!
- To plan your route, visit the [TTC trip planner](#) and make sure you subscribe to their service alerts at [@takethettc](#).
- There is no parking on site, but there is limited metered parking in the surrounding area.

## Washrooms

- East side of the lower main lobby, there is an all gender washroom.
- Studio Theatre hallway, there is an all gender washroom.

# Getting Here

North York Arts is located in Meridian Arts Centre, situated at the corner of Beecroft Road and North York Boulevard. The address is 5040 Yonge Street East, Toronto ON.



## Bicycle

There are numerous bike racks on the north side of our venue on North York Boulevard. Please make sure you bring a lock to secure your bike.

## Bus

The closest accessible bus routes are 84 Sheppard West, 85 Sheppard East, 97 Yonge, and 98 Willowdale-Senlac. To plan your route, visit the [TTC trip planner](#) and make sure you subscribe to their service alerts at @takethettc.

## Subway

North York Centre TTC subway station and Sheppard-Yonge TTC subway station are the closest subway stations. To plan your route, visit the [TTC trip planner](#) and make sure you subscribe to their service alerts at @takethettc.

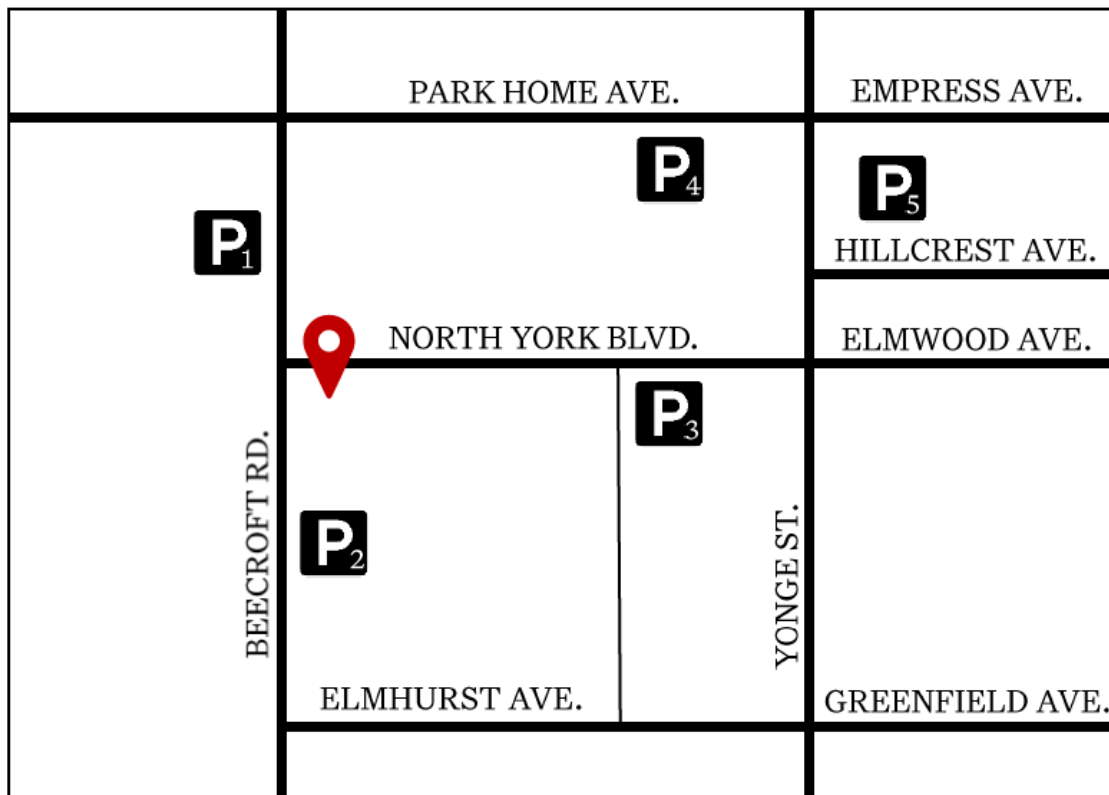
### Taxi or Rideshare

There is a round driveway at the main entrance of Meridian Arts Centre, this area is for pick-up and drop-off only. No parking is available on site and vehicles will be towed.

### Parking

Meridian Arts Centre does not have parking on site. Limited metered street parking is available on the surrounding streets, including on Yonge Street, Beecroft Road, and other nearby streets. Public parking can be found at several lots in the local area, including at:

1. [180 Beecroft Rd](#)
2. [95 Beecroft Rd](#)
3. [5000 Yonge St](#)
4. [North York Centre, 5160 Yonge St](#) (entrance/exit off Park Home Ave)
5. [Empress Walk, 5095 Yonge St](#) (entrance/exit off Hillcrest Ave)
  - If you purchase goods and services from the stores in Empress Walk, they may waive parking fees once your stub is validated. Check the business directory website for more information.



# Entering Meridian Arts Centre

Stage Door > Box Office > North York Arts Office

## Meridian Arts Centre Stage Door

This guide is for first-time check-ins of the Grow North Coworking sessions. This is extremely important as it will help you access the North York Arts (NYA) office space and be recognized by security in case of event updates and threats to safety/security.

To get to Stage Door, you can reach the south side of Meridian Arts Centre by following the perimeter of the building until you reach a black awning. Stage Door is situated on Beecroft Road, one street south of North York Boulevard.



Once you enter the building, you will need to state to the Stage Door Security that it is your first time attending the Grow North Program at North York Arts. They will request your name and the time you are leaving the building, you can use your booking confirmation as a reference for checking in.

You will turn left and follow the path to the lobbies. Ask Stage Door to point you in the right direction if needed.

If there is an issue at check-in, please text the NYA office number with your name at **647-477-6059**.



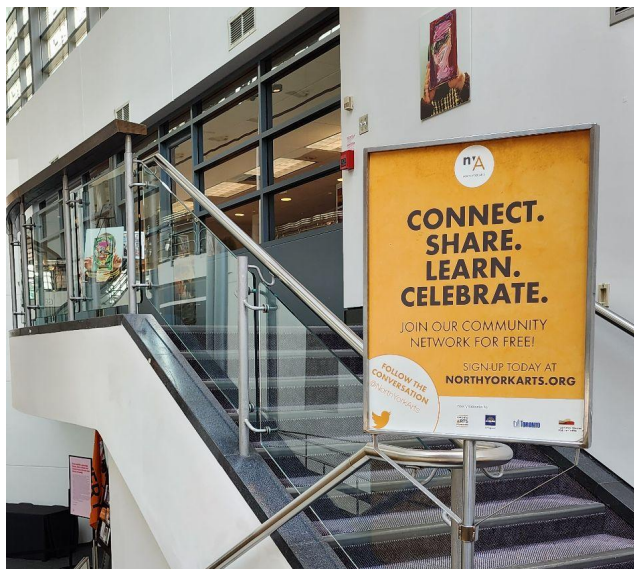
## Box Office



When you enter through the main entrance, the box office will be on your right. You do not have to approach the attendant to get access to the office. If a Box Office attendant asks why you are entering the building, notify them that you are an artist with North York Arts. Information will be made available to the Box Office team well in advance of their shift.

North York Arts office is to the right and up the flight of stairs. Please note that the NYA office is currently inaccessible to mobility device users.

## North York Arts Office - You made it!



Please be sure to read the policies that are applicable to all community members and guests upon entering the NYA Office. We strive to uphold a community of respect and are strongly committed to equity and inclusion within the community.

By agreeing to NYA's policies, you help to create safer spaces for BIPOC-identifying individuals and 2SLGBTQIAP community members.

## Get in Touch

If you have questions or concerns about the wayfinding guide, please reach out!  
We are always looking forward to receiving feedback from your experience.

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Thank you for coming to the Grow North Coworking Hub  
Looking forward to seeing you again soon! :)