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Upcycling Decor in Downtown Belleville

Belleville, Ontario, March 17, 2022 - Unique artisan and upcycled furniture pieces is what you will find at Downtown Belleville's newest store, Tinkered Decor and More located at **217 Front Street**.

On Thursday, March 17, Owner Barb was joined by Belleville Mayor Mitch Panciuk, Councillor Garnet Thompson, Jill Raycroft from the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, David Joyce from MPP Todd Smith's office, Ingrid Moore from MP Ryan Williams' office and Luisa Sorrentino from the Downtown District BIA for an official ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony.

Before deciding on the location, owner Barb Tilander looked at several other spaces, but as soon as she saw this space, with the exposed brick, hardwood floors and character she knew they were home.

"Tinkered Decor and More came to be as a result of our love of repairing items destined for landfill. We were purchasing furniture and refinishing it for ourselves. Friends started hiring us to do theirs as well," said Barb Tilander, owner of Tinkered Decor and More. "Then came the decor... We love to create one-of-a-kind items, and having done the "craft sale circuit" for years we have lots of creative friends as well. So we decided to offer them the opportunity to sell with us as well. We maintain our commitment to fair pricing by purchasing from auctions, estate sales and local businesses."

Barb looks forward to sharing the creative spirit with the Downtown District and the community as a whole, through workshops and classes, taught by artisans and other community members.

"We also look forward to being a part of the ever progressing journey to revitalize downtown Belleville while fostering a special relationship with the 2SLGBTQ community and supporting the efforts to help the homeless community in Belleville and area," said Barb.

Find more information about Tinkered Decor and More by visiting their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tinkereddecorandmore/> or in person at **217 Front Street in Downtown Belleville**.

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