



KINGSTON VOTES ON 24 OCTOBER

2022 Candidate Art and Culture Survey

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Do you think art and culture add value to Kingston? How does it contribute?

Yes, Art and Culture add value to Kingston. Arts and Culture allow for discussion of various topics by connecting with the public on various levels. Using different media to present ideas allows the community to connect with the ideas presented in ways that speaking and writing cannot. It is important to remember that a picture is worth a thousand words. Supporting the Arts and Culture is supporting the community. It encourages dialogue, and connection two things the City of Kingston needs more of. There are things an artist or community can present in Art and Culture that cannot be presented concisely without Art and Culture. We need to be cognizant that the expression of ideas through art and culture is a valid form of expression, allowing artists and communities to express their identities, pain, aspirations and points of view in ways that connect with their audiences.

Please rate the following statements:

The arts inspire and innovate. We should support artists as leaders in our community.	Strongly agree
The arts are essential to the social fabric and cultural identity of Kingston residents.	Strongly agree
The arts are important to the community, contributing to the wellness and sense of belonging of Kingston residents.	Strongly agree
The arts are not interesting to me, but I understand they have value to the City.	Neutral
The arts are enjoyed by some people, but they don't need public support.	Strongly disagree

What are the most important ways the City of Kingston can engage with arts and culture through strategic planning, policy, investment, programming, etc.?

Creating spaces to showcase local arts and cultures, and creating opportunities for local artists to create should be the City's focus when planning public spaces, when considering funding grants, and planning its programming. I like to attend galleries, live music, the Tett Centre and Art show throughout the City. While I don't consider myself an artist I do value the arts and culture of the Community and its contribution to the City.

Do you support continued funding for arts and culture in the municipal budget?

Yes.

Can the arts community count on you to be an advocate at Council in the future?

Yes.

