

2022 Candidate Art and Culture Survey

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Do you think art and culture add value to Kingston? How does it contribute? Unequivocally, yes the arts add value. Art is a means of connecting with one another and ourselves. Art is community defining and gives us a sense of place.

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.	Disagree
The arts are enjoyed by some people, but they don't need public support.	Disagree

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

The City should have aesthetics as a criteria as it builds for the future. I'm a fan of Othmar Ammann who was an engineer who also understood the art of building. He believed that economics and utility needed to be tempered by aesthetic sensitivity. As we build we should build beautiful. I think the city could also do more to promote Kingston as destination for the arts.

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 - I've seen the transformative power of art on individuals and communities.

