



# KINGSTON VOTES ON 24 OCTOBER

## 2022 Candidate Art and Culture Survey

### Gregory Ridge, District 11 King's Town

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

Of course they do! Art and culture are part of the spirit of any community. It allows people to connect and even collaborate through expression to the benefit of all.

#### Please rate the following statements:

The arts inspire and innovate. We should support artists as leaders in our community.	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.	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 can consult with artists to assess what their projected needs will be in the upcoming years. Policy and programming can then be crafted from this. While artists, and especially performing artists, are recovering from the difficulties of the COVID pandemic, the important thing is to listen to artists and hear from them what they need.

#### 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?

Absolutely.