



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?

Art and culture provide value to any community, as they are the only things that allow us to live any life beyond mere survival. Any feeling we have, any desire, yearning, joy, love, passion that any of us feel is inextricably connected to the artistic drive in all of us, and the more we encourage and support all forms of expressing that, the more in touch with and aware of ourselves we can be.

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.	Strongly disagree
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.?

I think it starts with recognizing and fostering the art within everything. Artistic expression should be a part of every public project, be it through architecture, public installations, communications, green space, or anything else. Beyond that, the City can and should foster as many places and circumstances as possible for artists to showcase, share, and/or sell their art as possible. In addition, funding to allow people to create art is vital.

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

Yes, unequivocally.

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

An advocate and active participant.