



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 & culture certainly do add value. We have a vibrant art scene. Kingston is the home of world-renowned musicians. We bring internationally acclaimed performances to the Grand Theatre and Isabel Bader Center at Queen's University. Those shows brings economic spinoff to the businesses nearby. We have the JK Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning to develop artists in their crafts. This all contributes to the quality of life of all residents living in Kingston and can attract other people to want to move and work here.

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 agree
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.?

We have a Director of Culture. We have an Arts Advisory Group that then make recommendations to city councillors on the Arts, Recreation, and Community Policies Committee. There is annual Arts & Culture Grants for projects and operational programming that are awarded each year through an application process. Residents can approach a councillor at any time individually or by making a delegation at one of the committee meetings. We are always interested in knowing if we are leading the way with some initiative or if another city is doing something special that Kingston can do too/how Kingston compares to other cities. If that information could be provided to council, it is always very useful information to know as maybe we can implement the same.

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