



KINGSTON VOTES ON 24 OCTOBER

2022 Candidate Art and Culture Survey

Paul Chaves, District 2 Loyalist-Cataraqui

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

Yes, art and culture adds so much to the community, economy and quality of life. A city is only a place in itself. It becomes a home with the addition of extras such as art and culture. Giving people something to do, a place to relax, a place to escape from their day-to-day pressures and stresses. We have a vibrant arts scene in Kingston, attracting to our tourism base, which adds to our economy in ways as hotel stays, restaurants and shopping. The arts have been known to save/improve lives. Either in the true sense or literally. It can give hope to those who may have lost theirs.

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 has the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee which is a strong voice for the Arts community. I look forward to working with the Arts Community, listening to the needs of the community and advocating on behalf of the needs of residents.

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