



# KINGSTON VOTES ON 24 OCTOBER

## 2022 Candidate Art and Culture Survey

### Wayne Hill, District 4 Lakeside

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

The arts are fundamental to how a community sees itself and how it presents itself to others. In my mind it represents the aspirational values of a community. I brings beauty, reflection, and a mirror to life in Kingston. Kingston has a very strong and vibrant arts community that needs to be sustained and celebrated.

#### 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.	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.?

We have a dedicated arts and culture department at the City and that speaks to the importance that previous Councils have placed on nurturing the arts in Kingston. This investment needs to continue with future Councils

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

Absolutely but I want to help establish more opportunities for artists in the community to show and sell their work that does not require substantial overhead costs to the artist. I would like to see the City become more of a patron of the arts and in turn encourage more private patronage, exhibition and performance venues and opportunities on the way to encouraging a flourishing arts economy in Kingston. The art walk is a step in this direction.

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

whole heartedly!