

KINGSTON VOTES 2026:
Candidate Survey on the Arts and Culture in Kingston

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How do you see the role of arts and culture in Kingston?

Arts and culture are an important part of what makes Kingston a great place to live and a destination people want to visit. It supports local businesses, attracts tourism, and creates opportunities for local artists. Kingston has produced such great artists that it's part of the city's identity.

What role should the City of Kingston play in supporting a sustainable arts and culture sector?

The City should participate by helping create the conditions for local artists, organizations and events to succeed. This can include targeted funding, access to affordable spaces for creation and display, promoting Kingston's cultural offerings to visitors, and making the most of our historic buildings and public spaces.

If elected, are there any actions you would take to help strengthen Kingston's arts and culture sector?

Yes. I would support local artists and cultural organizations, encourage partnerships, and look for cost-effective ways to improve access to arts and culture. This includes reducing barriers that make it harder for local groups to organize events and share their work. A strong cultural sector enriches our community, supports local businesses, and attracts tourism.



Additional Comments

Kingston has a vibrant arts and culture scene, and events like Skeleton Park Arts Festival show how much these gatherings can bring a community together. We should celebrate what we already do well while looking for inspiration from other municipalities, such as Belleville's Porchfest. I'd also like to see more events happening beyond downtown. There are plenty of willing participants and enthusiastic audiences in Kingston's west end, and arts and culture should be accessible to, and celebrated by, residents in every part of our city.