

## QUESTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL CANDIDATES:

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**How to Reply:** Whether you respond to one question, a handful, or all, we appreciate your time and dedication to your community. The following questions are from artists and culture workers across York Region. Please insert your responses below the question(s) you choose to answer. Save the document and email it back to [Samantha@yorkregionartscouncil.com](mailto:Samantha@yorkregionartscouncil.com) AND [Jessica@yorkregionartscouncil.com](mailto:Jessica@yorkregionartscouncil.com).

### COMMUNITY / PROMOTION / ACCESS:

What will you do to ensure the general public has greater access to experience and enjoy the arts in your municipality?

- Ensure that the public is AWARE of the opportunities that Aurora offers by promoting events, showings and presentations through the Town's website, social media, ads and hardcopies.
- Provide discounted tickets.

What is one small concrete example of supporting the arts that you can do on a monthly basis?

- As the Manager of the Aurora Farmer's Market, I promote and encourage local artisans to join this outdoor venue that runs from May to October every year.

With many jobs being developed in media arts related fields, what are your plans to ensure talent stays in the region instead of moving to innovative hubs like Waterloo, Vancouver and Silicon Valley?

- I would support proposals from educational institutes to build in Aurora.

How will you contribute to growth of the arts in the future for the next generation of artists?

- I would support the Cultural Centre and Public Library which both provide appropriate venues to display local art.

### INTRINSIC VALUE:

What municipal arts and culture events/programming do you attend and support, and have you purchased work created by local artists?

- Again, I attend the Public Library when they feature local artists, and enjoy going to the Cultural Centre to explore their featured artists. The pottery sale is a favourite!
- 99% of the art in my home is by local artists including a gorgeous painting by Herbert Pryke, and ones by my Aunt Valerie Mokrytzki.
- As Past President and current VP of the Optimist Club of Aurora, we sponsor the Youth portion of the Town of Aurora Arts Show every year.
- As Past Chair of the Aurora Farmer's Market, I have worked closely with Deborah Campo to set up mini artisan markets within the larger Farmer's Market.
- I am also an artist (mosaics) and have sold many pieces at the Aurora Farmer's Market, and created several custom works.

## **PLATFORM:**

In your list of the ten top priorities of your platform, where would supporting the arts place on your list? Why there?

- Supporting the arts is important as it strengthens healthy communities by evolving its' social fabric and contributes to Aurora's education and economic components. Aurora's Strategic Plan is based on 3 pillars of sustainability: environment, community and economy. Art and culture impacts and contributes to all of these priorities
- My top priorities focus on the overall well being of Aurora and how it runs, and arts and culture influences the essence of Aurora's character.