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

Living in Oak Ridges, Ward 1 Richmond Hill, I would love to create opportunities for residents young and old that couple art with the beauty of our natural surroundings. Getting people out into nature and letting them reveal their artistic side will not only contribute to their personal well-being but will help folks appreciate and respect the green spaces and wetlands in Oak Ridges. Live music would add to the experience. I fully support events such as Art in Migration and would love to incorporate all kinds of art in our community.

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

We could line the halls of Oak Ridges Community Centre with different artwork from local artists, established and just starting out, each month.

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?

Perhaps Richmond Hill could create an art hub of our own. The Town could entice OCAD or another art school to build a satellite campus in Richmond Hill. It could include studio space and state of the art technology that could be accessed by local artists.

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

I would like to include various types of artwork in the daily business of Richmond Hill. For example, the cover of the Parks and Recreation book and official stationary for the Town could utilize artwork from local artists. Maybe we could beautify our benches, Town vehicles, bus shelters and other public equipment with artwork? I would encourage artists of all ages to participate in such projects.