

RESPONSE BY: JOHN GALLO, COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE, AURORA

COMMUNITY / PROMOTION / ACCESS:

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

As a past member of the Aurora Cultural Centre, continue to support it's initiatives both personally and once on Council.

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

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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?

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

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INTRINSIC VALUE:

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

I go to shows (music and art) at the Aurora Cultural Centre. I buy art from local artist.

PLATFORM:

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

My platform clearly states that I will continue to support the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Arts and culture are a barometer of the health of a community, town, or city. How will you profile/give a place to arts and culture in your municipal structure, strategic planning, marketing and reporting of achievements?

The support for culture in Aurora is very high on my list. As a graduate in Art History from UofT, I understand the value it give to the communit.

What kind of municipal policy would you propose to encourage artists to be able to work and live in your municipality?

Not only through my support the Aurora Cultural Centre, but as a past councillor, I championed the implementation of 3% of any capital project budget to be contributed to community art.

SPACE:

How will you ensure that artists in your municipality receive affordable space to create and showcase their work?

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How do you envision the inclusion of local art in the public realm?

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EDUCATION:

Where do you see arts education fitting into your electoral platform - in school programming, health programs and/or community programs?

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FUNDING:

Do you believe that it's vital to have municipal granting programs to fund local artists and arts organizations to create and present work in your municipality? If so, how will you advocate for this funding?

Yes, we do this through the support the Aurora Cultural Centre

There is a noticeable gap between arts spaces (studio, exhibition, performing, etc.) for emerging and professional artists in York Region, making it challenging for artists to stay in the area while growing their professions. What do you think the municipality's role is in funding spaces for emerging to mid-career artists?

I believe Aurora does this through the support the Aurora Cultural Centre