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Dear York Region Arts Council,

Thank you for getting in touch with me. I appreciate how important the arts are in our Region. Being a photographer and craftsman myself, I am very interested in seeing the expansion of arts within our city and would definitely work to support artists in our community. You have raised many good questions. At this time during the campaign, I will not do justice in giving the most fulsome responses to your questions. If elected, I would love to sit down with you to discuss how the city can better support the arts, but I will say a few words about my thoughts here.

I think a city that is strong in the arts becomes a city that is full of character. I would like to see our city dedicate spaces in parks or community squares for artists and musicians to showcase their art and create their art – similar to that of Montmartre in Paris. What a way to build character in a city! It would be great to incorporate Plays in the Park events, with local actors/actresses. I am also interested in seeing more festivals, like music festivals, that could showcase local musicians and host bazaars for artists to sell and display their creations.

As a photographer, I often struggle to find a suitable studio to host photo shoots. I would be committed to looking at low-cost options for studios that can be rented by individual artists within the city. Perhaps these studios could be partly funded by the City of Vaughan to keep the costs down, while supporting the artists in our municipality.

Having a strong Arts Culture in our city would also help to promote the love for the arts in young children. After experiencing art within their city, they may be inspired themselves to venture into the arts. I would encourage our schools to continue with developing their Arts programs for young children and would like to see more programs offered through our Recreation Centres that promote the arts for children and youth.

The City of Vaughan is growing at a rapid rate, and with that, we need to ensure that character is built within the city. Creating spaces and events for artists will definitely help to build this character! It will also help to support the economy of our city. If elected, promotion of the Arts is something that I would definitely support at Council.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards,

Mark Pulciani