



Allied Arts Council of Lethbridge
2021 Municipal Election
Arts Survey: Candidate Response

Candidate: Ryan Parker

1. What is your vision for the arts sector within the City of Lethbridge?

Art is the way that our community expresses culture and gives our community identity. It is also said that the Arts deepen community engagement and connects us socially. Lethbridge City Council has come a long way to recognize the Arts but still has room to improve. The Arts community should be proud of the work that has been done and we need to be mindful of new opportunities as they present themselves.

2. What do you believe are the benefits of investing in the arts and how do you view the role of City of Lethbridge in arts investment.

Not all benefits can be measured, some are tangible and some are intangible. However, the City's role is to assist with the infrastructure, assist with operational funding and allow for the various organizations to excel.

3. Please share your thoughts on public art and its role in our community.

Since Art is the way that our community expresses culture and gives our community identity, public art is a way of displaying that for the community and visitors to see.

I am proud that there is a Public Art Policy (CC30) that was updated September 21, 2020. <https://www.lethbridge.ca/City-Government/City-Council/Documents/CC30%20Public%20Art.pdf>

4. Lethbridge City Council has demonstrated their commitment to building a performing arts centre in their recent Capital Improvement Program. Do you support this commitment and if is so what is your proposed strategy for completing the project?

It is important to strategize this project as a staged approach or taking the project through stage gates. Getting components of this project completed so that we can be shovel ready when there is grant funding available would be prudent. If 75% of the capital budget can be funded from provincial-federal grants or infrastructure funding, then it would be the best opportunity to move forward on this project.