

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

## Candidate: Blaine Hyggen

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

Art is a vital part of our storytelling. I believe that the City should support the arts community through providing access to publicly owned facilities and infrastructure, and when budget permits (or grants are available) financially.

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.

The City of Lethbridge adopted a Public Arts Policy in 2007 which provides an allocation of Capital Project Funding towards Public Art.

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

As stated previously, Public Art is designed to enhance the public realm. I believe that it can help to create a more beautiful and vibrant environment.

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?

Investment in a Performing Arts Centre will obviously need to be weighed against all other Capital projects in the next cycle. Council has approved its advancement through the CIP and a future Council will evaluate it in due course.