



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

Candidate: Nick Paladino

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

I really don't have a "vision" for the arts sector. I think that is the role of the AAC.

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.

Murals, concerts, plays, etc. can improve the perception of safety and value of a neighborhood. Given much more pressing issues, the City's financial role at this point should be minimal.

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

I think both artists and the general public better connect with a community through public art.

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?

In their last few months in office, the current Council should have left this for the next Council to deal with. In speaking with residents so far, this is one of the top issues. Many were led to believe that the plans for CASA included a performing arts centre. So, I think this is going to be a "tough sell", at least for the next 4-8 years.