

1. The city actively encourages and supports the art sector. The challenge is limited resources for many sectors. I believe the new Art of Living will allow Council to have a thorough discussion about the arts and how to support it. It has had good success in the past and I would like to see this next version of the Art of the Living continue that work.

2. I would change in the city's approach - I like the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts but wonder if there is a way to expand on that or include a City Council Celebration of the Arts event in order to showcase more of the artists in Edmonton with perhaps a focus on young or emerging artists. I think Council can celebrate and bring awareness to the variety of great artists in Edmonton.

3. I support the Percent for Art program but I would like to have this focused on local artists and I would also like to add a request that the art is interactive or playable. Art has a great way of drawing people in and when it is playable or interactive as some of the art is then people enjoy the art and often it becomes a gathering place for people. I love it when I see people of all ages engaged or enjoying a piece of art.

4. The creation of specific arts districts sounds like an intriguing idea. Any time like minded folks gather together they can inspire and encourage one another. I would certainly want to look at what that might involve as I am not sure if that is naming an area based on where they are located or helping with provision of space.

5. It is important to have a strategy such as the Art of Living as it really ensures that the promotion of the arts is an ongoing commitment or strategy of the city no matter where we are in the economic cycle in the province.

6. Not at this time.

7. I am not sure of the city's role in the education of young people in the arts but, this is where a City Celebration of Emerging artists might be a way to raise the profile of the artists and the many organizations that teach them their skills.