

PACE Arts Vote 2017 Questionnaire

As in previous municipal elections in Edmonton, the Professional Arts Coalition of Edmonton (PACE) is conducting the ArtsVote 2017 campaign. This means we are doing our best to ensure that support for Arts and Culture in Edmonton is a feature of public discussion during this campaign.

To that end, we are asking all candidates in the municipal election to respond to this short questionnaire and to send your responses to admin@pacedmonton.com. We will post your responses on the PACE website as they are received.

1. Do you feel the city does enough to encourage and support an active arts sector?
I believe Edmonton has a rich appreciation for the arts.. but there is always room for more quality art and art eexperience for all ages.
2. What would you change in the city's current approach?
I would encourage our schools to view the arts as just as important as all other areas of learning. I would love to see more schools and the art community learning together about the arts.
3. Do you support the city's purchase and display of public art through the Percent for Art program (this provides 1% of the construction budget of publicly accessible buildings in Edmonton to buying public art)? If not, please explain why not.
I am glad there is something built in to ensure art has a place in our developing city... I don't really know enough about this issue at this time to be more specific... my reflects is 'more art, more better'... but I just can't talk numbers at this time. I hope to learn more bout this.
4. Appropriate facilities to support Edmonton's arts and culture industries are critical to our city's growth and development in this area. The creation of specific districts to support certain kinds of Arts, such as music districts, has been adopted in some cities to foster growth of cultural industries. How would you propose supporting the creation of dedicated arts districts?
Again, as much as I appreciate the arts and find that there is lots of variety and opportunity in the community... at this point in time I am mostly interested in bringing a greater appreciation and respect for the arts into our schools.
5. In the province's current economic situation, the city's resources are stretched. In this climate, how important is it for the city to financially support new arts facilities and activities?
I think it is just as important as all other community enrichment projects and support. We need decision-makers who truly value the arts and how enrich and celebrate life, culture, diversity and creativity.
6. Beyond the scope of the questions above, do you have other thoughts as to how you would continue to enhance arts and culture in our city?
Keep up your good work... I'll work this from the school side.
7. What would you advocate to ensure that training in Fine Arts – music, dance, theatre, visual arts – is an integral part of the education of young Edmontonians?
I believe the arts in schools and the curriculum needs to be valued as 'core' experience and learning.