

Why should I bother to vote?

Municipal government has a direct impact on culture including arts and heritage. Your vote will affect which municipal programs and services are maintained, developed, and receive investment.

Culture Builds Community.

The healthy community requires leadership that understands the four pillars of sustainability: environmental, social, cultural and economic—and the relationship between them.

Who is telling me how to vote?

Nobody! Your vote is your business. ArtsVote Niagara is a cross-disciplinary, non-partisan network of volunteers that encourages artists, arts supporters and arts, culture and heritage workers **to vote**. You make your own choices!

How do I know I am eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote if you are a Canadian citizen; at least 18 years old; residing in the local municipality or an owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant. Click on 2014 Municipal Elections on The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at www.mah.gov.on.ca for more information.

When do I vote?

Election Day is **Monday 27 October**. Most Niagara municipalities are also offering advance polls. Bring your voter notification card and identification to your local polling station. If you have not received a voter notification card, be sure to take proof of residence and citizenship with you to your local polling station.

Where do I go to vote?

Contact your Municipal Clerk's office to find the polling station nearest to you.

Who did ArtsVote survey?

This year we concentrated on surveying candidates for Mayors, Councils, and Regional Council throughout Niagara.

How does ArtsVote grade the candidates?

A multiple choice survey was developed by ArtsVote Niagara and accounts for 70% of the grade. The survey is available online at www.artsvoteniagara.ca.

Remember: **CULTURE BUILDS COMMUNITY!**



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NIAGARA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS REPORT CARD



*In art and in politics, each and every
voice can make a difference.*

What do the grades mean?

The grades are based on two factors: a multiple choice survey that was developed and vetted by cultural industry experts, and; evidence of a candidate's actions with regard to the cultural industries.

Seventy percent of the grade is based on the survey, including 20% on self-declared participation in cultural activities. A final 30% is based on voting records, testimonials and previous responses to ArtsVote. New candidates are given the benefit of the doubt.

ArtsVote Niagara has taken into account council votes on key cultural issues in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and the Region. Here is a guide to help explain what the grades mean.

A+ DAZZLING. A leader who talks the talk and walks the walk. Boldly champions arts, culture and heritage issues. Fully informed and engaged. This grade is reserved for incumbents or former incumbents who have proven integrity.

A OUTSTANDING. Advocates the value of the arts, culture and heritage to municipal life. Talks the talk and offers evidence they will walk the walk.

B SOLID. Assumes some arts, culture or heritage friendly positions. Has demonstrated some degree of awareness of the importance of the sector.

C UNFAMILIAR. Arts, culture and heritage issues are not high on the priority list. The candidate may be reluctant to make commitments.

D INADEQUATE. Doesn't appear to understand the role of cultural investment in municipal governance and the health of communities.

F FAILURE. May pose a potential danger to the health of the cultural sector.

R REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED. ArtsVote did not receive a survey. The candidate may not have received the survey, may have chosen not to complete their survey or may have experienced technical difficulties.

R+ REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED. ArtsVote did not receive a survey but the candidate has demonstrated support on cultural issues in the past four years.

A special thanks to the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce for sharing their contact list of Niagara candidates with ArtsVote Niagara.

To view the Chamber's own survey visit: voteniagara2014.ca

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FORT ERIE

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Ann-Marie Noyes	A
Dean Demizio	R
Mike Cloutier	A
Stephen Passero	A
Wayne Redekop	A
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 1	
Andrew Aitken	A
George McDermott	A
Robb Dunn	R
Susan Jovanovic	A
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 2	
G. Richard Shular	R
John Mollicone	A
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 3	
George Ahern	R
Kimberly Zanko	R+
Susan Salzer	R

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 4	
John Hill	R
Marina Butler	R+
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 5	
Don Lubberts	R
Steve Boyd	C
Kim Carey	R+
Mark Wilkie	F
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 6	
Chris Knutt	R
Paul Collard	R
George Jardine	A
Tamara Pierce	R
Thea Lockwood	B
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
Sandy Annunziata	R
Bob Steckley	D
John Teal	R
Ray Murray	R

GRIMSBY

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Bob Bentley	R
Robert Greco	A
Tony Serafini	B
Wayne Fitch	B
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 1	
Dave Wilson	R
Kevin Ritchie	B
Michael Bull	R
Steve D. Berry	F
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 2	
Dave Kadwell	B
John Cruickshank	R
Michelle Seaborn	B

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 3	
Basil Mendonca	R
Fernando Melo	A
Joanne Johnston	A+
John Dunstall	R
Robert Pelleja	A
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 4	
Carolyn I. Mullins	A
Jeff A. Jordan	A
John Hickson	R
Nick DiFlavio	A+
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
Nick Andreychuk	B
Tony Quirk	A

LINCOLN

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Alvin Danyluck	C
Eric Gilbert	A
John Kralt	R
Rob Condotta	R
Sandra Easton	A
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 1	
David Good	C
Dianne Rintjema	R
Rob Foster	R
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 2	
John David Pachereva	R
Tony G. Brunet	R

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 3	
Andrew Furry	C
Dan Warren	B
Dave A. Thompson	R
Kevin Strooband	B
Nicholas Kuhl	B
Paul MacPherson	B
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 4	
David Furry	B
Geoffrey Barlow	R+
Lynn Timmers	B
Wayne MacMillan	A
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
Bill Hodgson	B
W. Peter Randall	A

NIAGARA FALLS

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Connie Topolinsky	B
Jim Diodati	A
John (Ringo) Beam	R+
Joseph Paul Steven Mikos-Schwarz	R
CITY COUNCIL	
Alex Kates	R
Bart Dandy	R
Carolynn Ioannoni	B
Christian Bell	A
Corey Larocque	A
Gary MacDonald	A
James Monaghan	R
Jamie Jones	R
Joe Maggiolo	A
Joyce Morocco	D
Kenneth Groves	A
Kim Craiton	A
Lori Lococo	A
Mary Manella-Byers	B
Michelle Tavano	R
Mike Strange	R
Natalie Piergentili	A
Nemanja (Nem) Kuntos	A
Paul Martin	R
Peter Dychtiar	R
Rich Merlino	A
Ross Gigliotti	A
Terry O'Reilly	R
Tia DeAgazio	B
Tim Tredwell	R
Tony Caruso	B
Victor Pietrangelo	C
Vince Kerrio	R
Wayne Campbell	A
Wayne Thomson	C
Ziad Hajifazul	A
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
Anne Angelone	A
Barbara Greenwood	B
Bart Maves	R
Bob Gale	A
Jeannette Tossounian	B
Josephine Flores	B
Paul Downie	C
Selina Volpatti	D

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Dave Eke	A
Patrick Dart	B
CITY COUNCIL	
Betty Disero	A
Bill Auchterlonie	A
Bill Cowie	B
Dennis Dick	R
Donald MacDougall	R
Gary Zalepa Jr.	A
Jamie King	A+
Jim Collard	B
John Wiens	R
Kenn Moody	A
Maria Bau-Coote	R
Maria Rekrut	A
Martin Mazza	R
Paolo Miele	R
Sandra O'Connor	A
Terry Flynn	A
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
Dave Lepp	B
Gary Burroughs	A+

PELHAM

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Dave Augustyn	B
Mark Bay	B
Zachary Junkin	B
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 1	
James Lane	R
Marvin Junkin	R
Richard Rybiak	A
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 2	
Andrew J. Robertson	B
Catherine King	R
Gary Accursi	R
J. Justin O'Donnell	B
Larry Frost	R
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 3	
John Durley	A
Peter Papp	A
Wally Braun	A
William (Bill) Heska	F
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
Anthony Annunziata	R
Brian Baty	A
James Inman	A

PORT COLBORNE

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Fred Davies	B
John Maloney	A
Michael Sloat	B
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 1	
David Elliott	R
John Mayne	A
Michael Reles	A
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 2	
Angie Desmarais	B
Casey Biko	R
Tim Hoyle	B
Yvon Doucet	R+

ST. CATHARINES

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Jeff Burch	A+
Jim Fannon	A
Mark Stevens	B
Peter Secord	D
Walter Sendzik	B
CITY COUNCIL - St. George's	
Andrew Muehlenbeck	R
Dave Key	B
John Kedzierski	R
Laura Ip	A
Mike Britton	R
Robert George	D
Sal Sorrento	A
Tony Tullo	R
CITY COUNCIL - Grantham	
Alan Ziemianin	A
Bob De Wolfe	R+
Dawn Dodge	A
Mark Belchior	C
Sandie Bellows	R
William Phillips	A
CITY COUNCIL - Merritton	
Geoffrey Black	R
Brandon Currie	R
David Haywood	B
Jennie Stevens	C
Lesley Seaborne	R+
Marta Liddiard	A
CITY COUNCIL - Port Dalhousie	
Bruce Williamson	A+
Carlos Garcia	A
Joe Cahill	R
Norm St. George	R+
Wolfgang Guembel	R

CITY COUNCIL - WARD 3	
Bea Kenny	R
Frank Danch	R
Todd Klacko	B
CITY COUNCIL - WARD 4	
Barbara Butters	R+
Ron Bodner	R
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
David Barrick	R+
Vance Badawey	B

CITY COUNCIL - St. Andrew's	
Joseph Kushner	A
Matthew Harris	C
Paul Miil	B
Raymond D'Archi	B
CITY COUNCIL - St. Patrick's	
Aaron Moukperian	A
Mark Elliott	A
Mat Siscoe	C
Todd Melville	C
Toni Walker	B
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
Alan Caslin	A
Al Rempel	R
Andrew Petrowski	D
Brian Heit	R+
Bruce Timms	B
Calvin Jessome	R+
Deborah MacGregor	B
Kelly Edgar	B
Len Stack	R
Lou Felice	R
Robert McCready	B
Sean Polden	C
Shawn Marriott	R
Tim Rigby	R+
Willy Noiles	C

THOROLD

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Robert Gabriel	B
Ted Luciani	B
Terry Dow	A
CITY COUNCIL	
Anthony Longo	R
Becky Lott	A+
Christopher York	R
David (Jim) Handley	F
Fred Neale	A
Jacqueline Elliott-Reid	R
Jean D'Amelio Swyer	R
Jennifer Ferry	R
Ken Sentance	A
Michael Charron	B
Norbert Preiner	A
Sergio Paone	R
Shawn Wilson	R
Terry Ugolini	A
Tim Whalen	B
Tony Vandermaas	B
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
Henry D'Angela	A+
Larry Robbins	R

WAINFLEET

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
April Jeffs	R+
Barb Henderson	A
Dale Tucker	R
Laurie Dayboll	R
CITY COUNCIL	
Betty Konc	R
David Wyatt	B
Frank Smeenck	B
Jo (Jo-Ann) Stewart	R
John A. Dekker	R
John MacLellan	R
Lea-Anne Robins	A
Moriah Harry	R
Richard Dykstra	R
Ted Hessels	R
Terry Gilmore	R

WEST LINCOLN

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Doug Joyner	A
John Glazier	D
Katie Trombetta	R
Paul Keizer	B
Stefanos Karatopis	R
CITY COUNCIL - Ward 1	
Dana Plansky	R
Eric Leith	R
Jason Trombetta	R
Mike Rehner	R
Sue-Ellen Merritt	R
CITY COUNCIL - Ward 2	
Dave Bylsma	R
Gus Grandmont	R
Joann Chechalk	R
Norm Johnson	C
Robert Bertrand	B
CITY COUNCIL - Ward 3	
Alex Micallef	R
Doug Newton	R
Lou Di Leonardo	A
Shauna Boyle	C
Terry Bell	B

WELLAND

MAYORAL CANDIDATES	
Barry Sharp	B
Frank Champion	C
John Watt	A
CITY COUNCIL - Ward 1	
Mary Ann Grimaldi	A+
Chris Primerano	R
Douglas Thomas	B
James Nicol	R
Margaret Moroz	B
Mark Carl	A
CITY COUNCIL - Ward 2	
Anthony Dockrill	A
Darcie Lewis	R
David McLeod	R
Diane Bourque-Zakraysek	R
Gregory Furtney	A
Justin Turner	B
Leo Van Vliet	C
Richard Kay	R
Venanzio D'Addario	B
Wolfgang Guembel	D
CITY COUNCIL - Ward 3	
Cathy Connor	R
Diane Sauder	R
Dominic Szuch	R
John Chiocchio	B
John Mastroianni	B
John Ravenda	R
Joseph Sorrenti	A
Leilani Vanderveen	A
Lisa Bastien	A
Rick Goupil	R
CITY COUNCIL - Ward 4	
Maria Lallouet	A
Pat Chiocchio	R
Tom Bacolini	B
Tony DiMarco	R
CITY COUNCIL - Ward 5	
Claudette Richard	A
Mark Dzugan	R
Michael Petrachenko	A
Rocky G. Létourneau	R

CITY COUNCIL - Ward 6	
Bob Wright	R
Bonnie Fokkens	A
Jim Larouche	B
Mike Konderka	R
Phil Wachel	B
Raymond Rousseau	R
Steven Soos	B
REGIONAL COUNCIL	
Art Orlando	B
Dave Duffus	B
David Robert	B
George Marshall	C
Graham Speck	B
Paul Grenier	A
Shirley Cordiner	C
Thies Bogner	R

