



The Report Card
2010
St. Catharines and Area

Why should I bother to vote?

Municipal government has a direct impact on arts, culture and heritage. Your vote will affect which municipal programs and services are maintained, developed, funded and managed. Your vote will even affect what attitudes are adopted in our Council chambers, how social problems are addressed and what kind of education our children experience.

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

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. By soliciting and evaluating candidate views, we give you information on how candidates compare to one another on arts, culture and heritage questions. 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; and not otherwise prohibited from voting. On Election Day 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.

Click on 2010 Municipal Elections on The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at www.mah.gov.on.ca for answers to other voting questions you may have about eligibility, for instance if you are homeless with no permanent address, you are a student living away from home, you are wondering how to vote in the school board election, or you are considering proxy voting.

Where do I go to vote?

Go to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario website to find out where the polling station nearest to you is located.

<http://www.amo.on.ca/YLG/ylg/ontario.html#REGIONS>

How did you grade the candidates?

A multiple choice survey was designed and developed by the ArtsVote Niagara Executive Committee for distribution by email to candidates running for election in St. Catharines and the eastern Niagara Region.

The survey is available on line at www.artsvoteniagara.ca.

Who did you survey?

This year we concentrated on surveying candidates for Mayors, Councils, Region and School Boards in the St. Catharines and Area municipalities. St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls and the Regional Municipality each have cultural policies and/or plans. Selected offices are published on the printed report card, but more candidates' grades are available on line at www.artsvoteniagara.ca.

Who is behind ArtsVote Niagara?

ArtsVote Niagara 2010 is governed by an Executive Committee of five volunteers from the cultural sector: Janis Barlow, Clark Bernat, Colleen Blake, Steve Remus and Debbie Slade.

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What can I do to support ArtsVote Niagara?

As an artist, arts supporter or arts, culture or heritage worker, **you can:**

- **Vote on Monday, October 25, 2010**
- Encourage your friends and family to vote
- Pick up ArtsVote Report Cards and give them to your colleagues
- Tell your colleagues to check out www.artsvoteniagara.ca on line
- Volunteer to help ArtsVote Niagara
- Contribute to ArtsVote Niagara

To learn more about ArtsVote Niagara and the ways in which you can become involved in this or future elections, go to www.artsvoteniagara.ca for more information.

What do the grades mean?

The ArtsVote Niagara 2010 grades are based primarily on candidate surveys. ArtsVote tends to give candidates the benefit of the doubt. A cautionary note: it is one thing to excel in a survey and another to deliver on a platform that includes a collaborative, strategic and productive engagement of the cultural sector.

ArtsVote Niagara also takes into account votes on key cultural issues at St. Catharines and Regional Councils. Here is a guide to help explain what the current 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 some evidence they will walk the walk.
- B** **SOLID.** Assumes some arts, culture or heritage friendly positions. Has provided support and offered 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 is unfamiliar with the sector, or is reluctant to make commitments.
- D** **INADEQUATE.** Doesn't get it. Uninformed, uninterested and/or antagonistic toward the concerns and perspectives of artists or arts, heritage and culture workers.
- F** **FAILURE.** Really doesn't get it. Poses a potential danger to the health of the cultural sector.
- R** **REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED.** Did not return the survey or did not complete the survey, and failed to indicate why.
- R+** **REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED.** Did not return the survey, or failed to complete all relevant questions, but has been or claims to be supportive of the cultural sector.
- R-** **REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED.** Did not return the survey, and expresses indifference or negative attitudes towards the creative sector.
- N** **NOT SURVEYED.** Was not in the survey pool for this election or was not reached by email.
- N+** **NOT SURVEYED.** Was not in the survey pool for this election or was not reached by email but has been or claims to be supportive of the cultural sector.

Who are the candidates? And, what were their grades? *Incumbent

ST. CATHARINES	
Mayor (Vote for One)	
John W. Beam	A
Alexander Davidoff	R
David D’Intino	D
Terry LeBlanc	R+
Brian McMullan*	A
City Councillors (Vote for Two per Ward)	
Merritton Ward 1	
Cameron M. Alderdice	R
Jeff Burch*	A
David A. Haywood	R
Garry A. Robbins	R
Sam Sacco	A
Jennifer Stevens*	R
St. Andrew’s Ward 2	
Matthew Harris	R
Joseph Kushner*	C
Sean J. Polden	A
Patti Radick	R
St. George’s Ward 3	
Laura Ip	A
Dale Millar	R
Peter Secord*	R
Greg Washuta*	A
St. Patrick’s Ward 4	
John Bacher	A
Scott Duff	R+
Mark Elliott *	A+
Robert George	R
Matthew Siscoe	R
Grantham Ward 5	
James Black	R
Dawn Dodge*	R
Brian Dorsey	R
Bill Phillips*	A
Salvatore Sorrento	A
Alan Ziemianin	C
Port Dalhousie Ward 6	
Kelly George	R
Marty Mako	A
Todd Andrew Melville	R+
Richard Naldjieff	R
Len P. Stack*	A
Bruce Williamson*	B

***Indicates incumbent**

St Catharines Regional Councillors (Vote for up to Six)	
Mark Belchior	D
Alan Caslin	A
Chris Clarke	A
Michael Coakley	A
Kelly Edgar	C
Tom Ferguson	N
Carlos Garcia*	A
David Graham	N
Brian Heit*	A
Ronna Katzman*	R+
Pat Lindal	A
Ted Mouradian	A
Michael O'Leary	R+
Andrew W. Petrowski	A
Phil Porter	R
Jon Radick	C
Tim Rigby*	R+
Norm St. George	R
Bruce Timms*	A

NIAGARA FALLS	
Mayor (Vote for One)	
Jim Diodati	R+
Steve King	C
Ted Salci*	R
City Councillors (Vote for up to Eight)	
Gary V. Beck	N
Christian Bell	A
Tony Bianco	R
Sandy Bird	R
Dennis Bowers	N
Tony Caruso	R
Peter B. Dychtiar	N
Ken Feren	R
Shirley Fisher*	R
Karen Fraser	R+
Wayne Gates	A
Harvey Gordon	N
Permod Goyal	N
Frank Herman	N
Carolynn Ioannoni*	N
James C. Kang	N
Vince Kerrio*	B
Rich Merlino	A
Joyce Morocco	R

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Niagara Falls City Councillors con't	
Terry O'Reilly	R
Peter Palermo	N
Robert Paquette	D
Victor Pietrangelo*	R
Mervyn Senior	R
Veena Shahani	R
Wayne Thomson*	R
Jeannette Tossounian	A
Deborah Tredwell	A
Janice Wing*	R
Regional Councillors (Vote for up to Three)	
Chris Biasucci	A
Mark Cahill	R
Barbara Greenwood*	R
Bart Maves	C
Daniel Rodrique	B
Norm Puttick*	D
Selina Volpatti	A

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE	
Lord Mayor (Vote for One)	
Tom Braybrook	N
Patrick Darte	B
Dave Eke	C
Ray Guy	R
Town Councillors (Vote for up to Eight)	
Mark Antonucci	N
Maria Bau-Coote	R
Jim Collard*	R
Dennis Dick*	R
Andrea Epp	R
Terry Flynn	N
Andrea Kaiser*	R
Jamie King	A
Peter Lootsma	N
Martin Mazza	N
Pat McCann	R
Kenn Moody	C
Gary Zalepa Jr.*	B
Regional Councillor (Vote for One)	
Gary Burroughs*	C
Dave Lepp*	A+

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PELHAM	
Mayor (Vote for One) Dave Augustyn* Sharon Cook	A B
Ward 1 (Vote for Two) Larry Clark Pelham Ward 1 con't James Lane Deb Urbanowicz*	R R R
Ward 2 (Vote for Two) Gary Accursi Donald Cotter David Emmons* Catherine King	R R R R+
Ward 3 (Vote for Two) John Durley* Peter Patt* David Yager	A B N
Regional Council (Vote for One) Brian Baty* (Acclaimed)	R

THOROLD	
Mayor (Vote for One) Robert Gabriel David Handley Ted Luciani	R R+ R
City Councillors (Vote for up to Eight)	
Arlene Arch Joe Atkinson Malcolm Cain Chiarina Chiocchio-Ferrusa Becky Day (Lott) Jennifer Ferry* Peter Morris Mike Murphy Sergio Paone Norbert Preiner Bob Sagness Tony Vandermaas Tim Whalen* Shawn Wilson* Christopher York	N D D N N R N N N N N N B R R R
Regional Councillor (Vote for One) Henry D'Angela* Jeremiah Dominic Fred Neale	A+ A R

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WELLAND	
Mayor (Vote for One)	
David Alexander*	A+
Phil Bradley	C
Greg D'Amico	A
Barry Sharpe	A
Leo S. Van Vliet	R
John Watt	R
City Councillors (Vote for Two per Ward)	
Ward 1	
Bunny Alexander	A
Luke Brazeau	A
Mark Carl	A
Mary Ann Grimaldi	A
Bradley Humphries	N
Larry Lemelin	A
Ron Lewis	C
Mike Shaw	R
Ward 2	
Dennis Bellefontaine	R
Frank Champion*	R
Venanzio D'Addario	B
Nancy Dmytrow Bilboe	R
Michael Ionson	A
Paul Jackson	N
George P. Kouros	N
David McLeod	R
Pam Swick Janjac	R
David Treppiedi	R
Ward 3	
Mike Belcastro*	R
Dan Fortier	A
Paul Grenier*	R
John Irvine	R
Leilani Vanderveen	A
Ward 4	
David Baiano	B
Pat Chiocchio*	R+
Anthony DiMarco	R
John MacLellan	R
Charles Owen	F
Diane Sauder	R

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WELLAND	
Ward 5	
Daniel Beaudoin	R
Mark Dzugan*	R
Rocky G. Letourneau*	R
Kurtis McCartney	C
Welland Ward 5 con't	
Michael Petrachenko	A
Deanna Villella	R
Ward 6	
Cliff M. Durant	R
Tony Gallacchio	R
Frank Garofalo	R
Steven Kealey	R
Jim Larouche*	R
David Maxwell Muise	B
Gayle Tomori	N
John Tryfiak	C
Justen Wilson	A
Bob Wright	R
Regional Councillors (Vote for up to Two)	
Damian Goulbourne*	R
George H. Marshall*	N
Cindy Forster*	N
Pasquale "Pat" Luciani	B

FORT ERIE	
Mayor (Vote for One)	
Douglas G. Martin*	R
Ann-Marie Noyes	A
Regional Councillor (Vote for One)	
Shirley Cordiner*	N+
Dave Fernie	N
John T. Teal	N

GRIMSBY	
Mayor	
Bob Bentley* (Acclaimed)	N
Regional Councillor	
Debbie Zimmerman* (Acclaimed)	N+

LINCOLN	
Mayor (Vote for One)	
Alvin Danyluck	R
Norm Gruff	N
Bill Hodgson*	N

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PORT COLBORNE	
Mayor (Vote for One) Vance Badawey* Frank DiBartolomeo	R R
Regional Councillor (Vote for One) David Barrick Bob Saracino*	N N

WAINFLEET	
Mayor (Vote for One) Barbara Henderson* April Jeffs	A R+

WEST LINCOLN	
Mayor (Vote for One) Paul Keizer Douglas Joyner Cathy Sterling Katie Trombetta*	N N N R

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA	
St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake (Vote for up to Four) Kristine Akilie Alex Bradnam Lora Campbell * Lynn D. Campbell * Dalton Clark * Linda Crouch Henry Durksen Jonathan Fast Don MacDougall Elaine Manocha Paolo Miele John Pula Barry Wilding	A A A A A B B A R B A B R
Niagara Falls (Vote for up to Two) Clarke Bitter Helga Campbell Kevin C. Maves * Barbara Ness * Zeljka Stankovic-Zubic	A A R R R
Pelham (Vote for One) Gary Atamanyk * Dale Robinson	R A

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA	
Welland (Vote for One) Sue Barnett Robin Comtois Bob Lewis David Tsang	A R B B

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	
St. Catharines/Thorold – Ward 1 (Vote for One) Rhianon Burkholder Leonard Ferry Alex McKee	C B F
St. Catharines – Wards 2-6 (Vote for up to Two) Mary-Jo Au Kathy Burtnik* Maurice Charbonneau* Lorna Costantini* Dominic Diserafino Jane Pillitteri	A A A+ A R B
Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake (Vote for Two) Frank Fera * Enzo Muraca Ed Nieuwesteeg * Paul Quaranta Maureen M. Young	R R R+ A A
Pelham (Vote for One) Gary Crole * Larry Huibers Paul MacNeil	B R A
Welland (Vote for One) Rick McAllister Ted O’Leary Rimas Slavickas	R R A

LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT CATHOLIQUE CENTRE-SUD (FRENCH CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE)	
Lincoln/Niagara Melinda Chartrand* (Acclaimed)	N
LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT CENTRE SUD-OUEST (FRENCH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE)	
Niagara Region Micheline Wylde* (Acclaimed)	N

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