



REPORT CARD 2006



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 2006 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?

Depending upon where you live, you can contact the following offices to find out where the polling station nearest to you is located.

Municipal Websites and Clerk Contacts Across Niagara

City of Niagara Falls www.city.niagarafalls.on.ca (905) 356-7521 ex 4342
bmatson@niagarafalls.ca

City of Port Colborne <http://city.portcolborne.on.ca> (905) 835-2901 ext. 106 or
janbeckett@city.portcolborne.on.ca.

City of St. Catharines www.stcatharines.ca (905) 688-5601 ext. 1507

City of Thorold www.thorold.com (905) 227-6613 ext. 270 clerk@thorold.com

City of Welland www.city.welland.on.ca (905) 735-1700 clerk@welland.ca

Niagara-on-the-Lake www.notl.org (905) 468-3266 ext. 227 hdowd@notl.org

Town of Fort Erie www.town.forterie.ca Town Clerk (905) 871-4022

Town of Grimsby www.town.grimsby.on.ca (905) 945-9634

Town of Lincoln www.townoflincoln.com (905) 563-8205

Town of Pelham www.pelham.ca (905) 892-2607

Township of Wainfleet www.township.wainfleet.on.ca (905) 899-3463

Township of West Lincoln www.westlincoln.com (905) 957-3346

How did you grade the candidates?

In the 2006 municipal election campaign, a survey was developed by the ArtsVote Niagara Executive Committee for distribution by email and mail to candidates running for election in St. Catharines and for Niagara Regional Council.

The survey and details about how the grades were reached are available on line at www.artsvoteniagara.ca.

What do the grades mean?

The ArtsVote Niagara 2006 grades are based primarily on candidate surveys. 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 pledges to watch the incumbents carefully in the next four years. 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.** Uninterested or antagonistic toward the concerns and perspectives of artists or arts, heritage and culture workers.
- 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 claims to be supportive of the arts.
- R-** **REMEDIAL ACTION REQUIRED.** Did not return the survey, and expresses indifference or negative attitudes towards the creative sector.

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

ST. CATHARINES

Mayor (Vote for One)

Marilyn C. Bodogh	A
Sue Erskine	B
Preston Haskell	R+
Brian McMullan	A+
Jackie Phelan	A
Garry A. Robbins	D
Rob Welch	C
Emad Zawady	R

St. George's Ward 3

Darren Platakis	B
Peter Secord*	R
Greg Washuta*	D

Port Dalhousie Ward 6

Tim Atherton	R+
Susan Bassett	B
Mark Klimchuk	R
Richard Martinelli	C
David D. Prentice	R
Norm St. George	R
Len Stack	B
Bruce Williamson*	A

City Councillors

Vote for two in your ward

Merritton Ward 1

Jeff Burch	A
Roberta Craine	A
Sheila Morra	A
Jennifer Stevens	R

St. Patrick's Ward 4

John Bacher	A
Bill Buckle	C
Matthew Cutler	A
Mark Elliott	B
Heather Foss	A
Charles Gervais*	A
Milica Kovacevich	A

Regional Councillors

(Vote for up to Six)

Bart Brouwer	R
Judy Casselman*	A+
Mike Collins*	B
Carlos Garcia	A
Brian Heit*	C
Robert Hesp	A
Ronna Katzman*	A
Peter Partington*	A
Tim Rigby	B
Bruce Timms*	A

Grantham Ward 5

Dawn Dodge*	D
Brian Dorsey*	R
Laura Ip	B
Bill Phillips	B
Salvatore Sorrento	A
Mike Sullivan	B
Tony Tullo	R

St. Andrew's Ward 2

Cameron Donevan*	A
Andrew W. Gill	R
Joseph Kushner*	R+
Wayne Sadlak	A

THOROLD

Mayor (Vote for One)

Robin Brock*	R
Henry D'Angela	C

Regional Councillor

(Vote for One)

Joseph Carella	R
Robert Gabriel*	B
Daryl Wilkinson	R

NIAGARA-on-the-LAKE

Lord Mayor

(Vote for One)

Tom Braybrook	A
Gary Burroughs*	A

Regional Councillor

(Vote for One)

Dave Eke*	B
Dave Lepp	R

LINCOLN

Mayor

Bill Hodgson* (Acclaimed) R

Regional Councillor

(Vote for One)

John W. Bald	B
Mark Bylsma	R+
John J. O'Neill	R
Carla Carlson	R

*Indicates incumbent

WEST LINCOLN

Mayor/Regional Councillor (Vote for One)
Ed Fulford R
Paul Keizer C
Katie Trombetta* R

WELLAND

Mayor (Vote for One)
Daniel Fortier R+
Damian Goulbourne* R
John Mastroianni* R
(On Regional Council)
John Parisee R
John Watt R+

Regional Council (Vote for up to Two)

Vincent Bellantino R
Troy Brooks R
Jim Casson R+
Cindy Forster R
Vic Kersch R
George Marshall* B
Tony Mete A
Diane R. Sauder R
Domenic Vescio R

PELHAM

Mayor (Vote for One)
Dave Augustyn D
Uwe Brand R
Ron Leavens* R

Regional Council (Vote for One)

Frank Adamson C
Brian Baty* C

GRIMSBY

Mayor (Vote for One)
Bob Bentley* R
Carl Kovacs A

Regional Council (Vote for One)

Debbie Zimmerman R
(Acclaimed)

WAINFLEET

Mayor (Vote for One)
Randy Cheynowski R
Albert Guiler R
Barbara Henderson R
Gord Harry* R

FORT ERIE

Mayor (Vote for One)
Tom Lewis A
Douglas Martin R
John Papadakis B

Regional Council (Vote for One)

Shirley Cordiner A
Ric Gorham R
Blake Nicholls R
Winston Sims R

NIAGARA FALLS

Mayor (Vote for One)
John (Ringo) Beam B
Wayne Campbell R
Steve King C
Ted Salci* R

Regional Council (Vote for up to Three)

Anne Angelone* R+
Chris Biasucci B
Art Federow C
Tony Gigliotti R
Barbara Greenwood R
Keith Maloney R
Norm Puttick R+
Daniel Rodrique B
George Saddler R+
Sharon Shearing B
Bill Smeaton* R
Bernie Villamil C

PORT COLBORNE

Mayor (Vote for One)
Vance Badaway R
Ron Bodner* R

Regional Council (Vote for One)

Bob Saracino R
Sandy White B

**Indicates incumbent*

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

St. Catharines (Vote for up to Two)

Kathy Burtnik*	A
Maurice Charbonneau	A
Lorna Costantini*	A
Larry Newton	A
Suzanne Westera	R

Thorold/Merritton (Vote for One)

Alex McKee	R
Tony Scalzi	B

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake (Vote for up to Four)

Andrew Bowles	A
Lynn Campbell	A
Lora Campbell*	B
Dalton Clark*	A
Sandra Crux	R
John Davis	R-
Marcy Heit*	R
Elaine Manocha	B
Shawn Montreuil	R
Flavia Orvitz	A

LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT CATHOLIQUE CENTRE- SUD (FRENCH CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE)

Lincoln/Niagara (Vote for One)

Melinda Chartrand* (<i>Acclaimed</i>)	A
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**Indicates incumbent*

NOTICE TO READER

The marking of the surveys was performed by ARTSVOTE NIAGARA 2006. We were not involved in the survey design or the marking process and therefore we provide no comment thereon. The marking procedure was strictly the responsibility of ARTSVOTE NIAGARA 2006.

We verified the addition of the marks assigned by ARTSVOTE NIAGARA 2006 for each survey. We verified the weighted average calculation (formula as provided by ARTSVOTE NIAGARA 2006) and we verified the conversion of the numerical grade to the letter grade for each survey according to the scale provided by ARTSVOTE NIAGARA 2006. We have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information.

POPOLI DEL MONACO
Chartered Accountants

November 7, 2006
Thorold, Ontario

What about culture-related voting records of incumbents?

A proposal to redevelop downtown Port Dalhousie has been the most controversial arts, heritage and culture related issue during the past electoral term in St. Catharines and at Niagara Region.

There are those who believe that the development represents the best opportunity for economic revitalization in Port Dalhousie, that it is consistent with Smart Growth principles and will restore Port Dalhousie as a family friendly destination. There are those who feel it is a radical contravention of the St. Catharines Official Plan, the Heritage District Plan, the Regional Strategy for Development and Conservation, and Provincial and Federal guidelines for historic preservation. And, there are those who are concerned about the nature of the development approval process and the City’s failure to consult extensively with the cultural sector and scrutinize the development’s viability assumptions.

There are a number of reasons why candidates took the positions they did on the Port Place development. ArtsVote Niagara has not taken the candidates’ various positions into account in the grading of candidates but has chosen to present, without the nuances, the candidates’ general positions on the development:

St. Catharines City Councillors who voted to support the Port Place proposal were:

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| Brian Dorsey | Sue Erskine | Sheila Morra |
| Cam Donevan | Charles Gervais | Peter Secord |
| and Mayor Tim Rigby | | |

City Councillors who voted to reject the Port Place proposal were:

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| Carol Disher | Jennie Stevens | Bruce Williamson |
| Joe Kushner | Greg Washuta | |

Dawn Dodge was absent for the votes.

At the Regional Municipality of Niagara, Councillors who voted to reject the Port Place proposal were:

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|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Gary Burroughs | Brian Heit | Debbie Zimmerman |
| Judy Casselman | Jill Hildreth | |
| Mike Collins | George Marshall | |

The remaining 18 Regional Councillors voted to support the Port Place proposal and Chair Peter Partington did not cast a vote.

Who is behind ArtsVote Niagara?

ArtsVote Niagara 2006 is governed by an Executive Committee of five volunteers from the cultural sector: Janis Barlow, Colleen Blake, Stephen Remus, Virginia Stewart and Debbie Slade.

Special thanks are due to the volunteer efforts of: Chris Blake, Kyle Bishop, Elizabeth Chitty, Katherine Dubois, Alex Hlinsky, Joe Lapinski, Melanie MacDonald, Natasha Pedros, Sara Palmieri, Kim Selody, Elaine Smithies, Annie Wilson, Odette Yazbeck and everyone who has helped to disseminate information about ArtsVote Niagara 2006.

ArtsVote Niagara is grateful for the advice and inspiration of ArtsVote Toronto founders Pat Bradley, Jennifer Ginder, Jane Marsland, Susan Serran, Sandra Tulloch and logo creator, Barbara Klunder.

What can I do to support ArtsVote Niagara?

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

- **Vote on Monday, November 13, 2006**
- 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.