

We sent an advocacy survey out to candidates running in the Bay of Quinte and Hastings-Lennox and Addington ridings to find out where they stand on arts and culture issues facing our members. Names that are faded did not respond to our survey.

**Bay of Quinte:**

Todd Smith - Conservative

Emilie Leneveu - Liberal

Alison Kelly - NDP

Erica Charlton - Green

**Hastings - Lennox and Addington:**

Ric Breese - Conservative

Ted Darby - Liberal

Eric Depoe - NDP

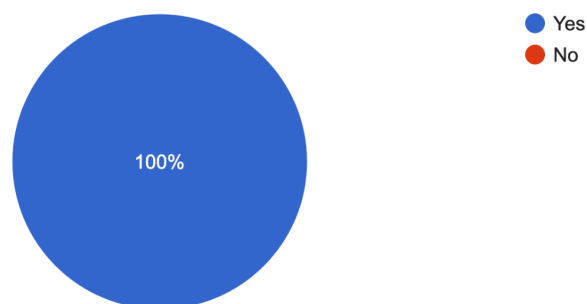
Christina Wilson - Green

Derek Sloan - Ontario Party

1.

Do you believe that having arts and culture in your riding helps attract talented professionals to your community?

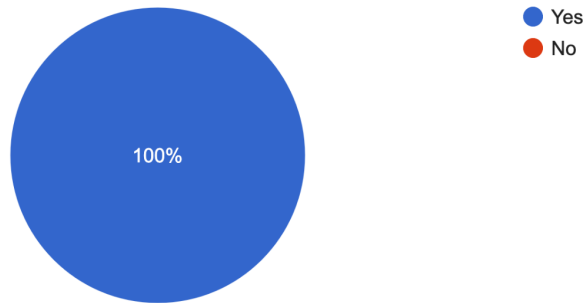
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2.

Do you believe that if your riding lost its arts scene your constituents would be deprived of something of value?

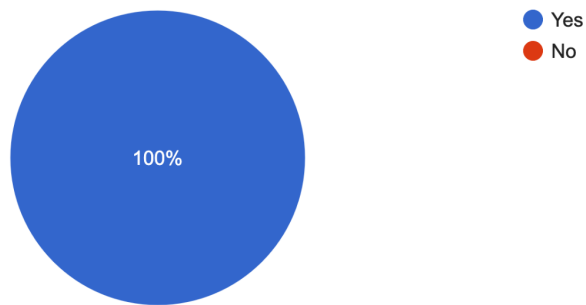
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3.

Do you believe that an active arts scene helps create a sense of community for your riding?

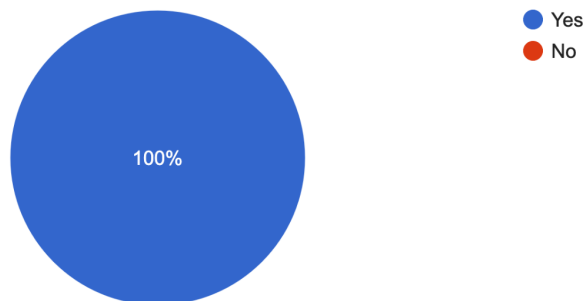
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4.

Should arts and culture be a funding priority for government

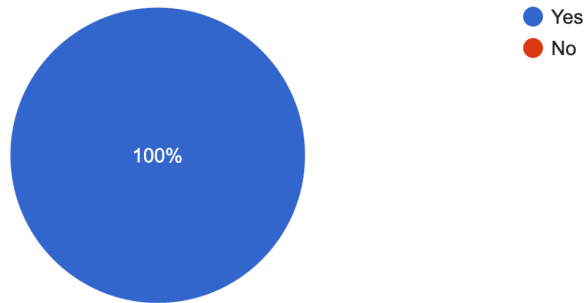
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5.

Do you believe that arts and culture provide health and quality of life benefits to the residents of your riding?

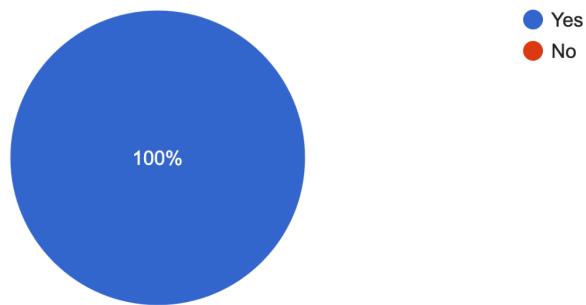
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6.

Would you prioritize investment in arts and culture as an economic driver

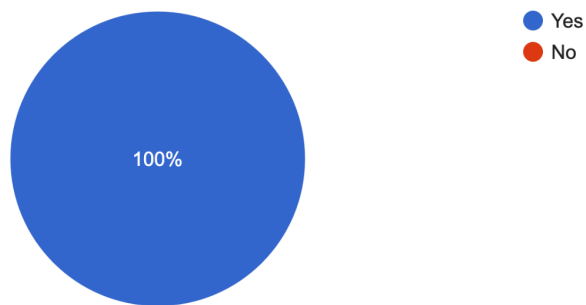
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7.

Do you strongly commit to advocate for increased investment in the arts and culture?

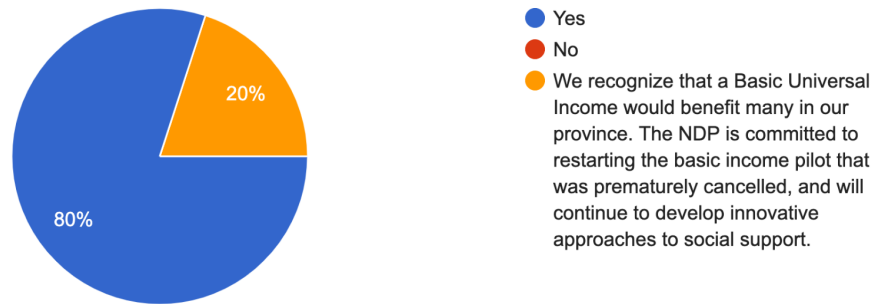
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8.

Do you believe a Basic Universal Income would benefit people in the Arts and Culture sectors?

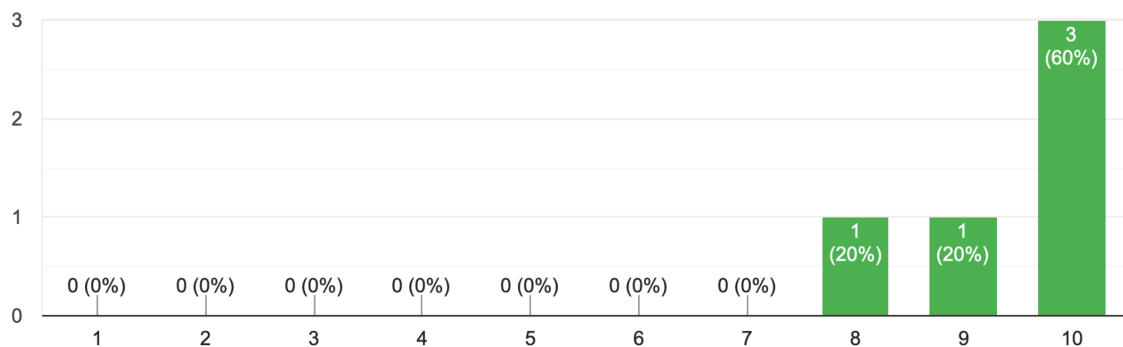
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9.

Rate your position on provincial arts and culture investments 0-10

5 responses



Comments:

**Bay of Quinte:**

**Todd Smith - Conservative:** The Bay of Quinte Region is lucky to have an incredible arts and culture community. Whether it's live music, theatre, or visual arts we truly have so much to choose from.

The last few years have been difficult on the arts and culture community but as many individuals learned to do, we saw the community pivot and provide entertainment to those at home, virtually.

As we begin to bring festivals and events back in person, and with the supports our government has made over the last few years, I look forward to seeing our arts and culture community thriving again, here in the beautiful Bay of Quinte.

**Emilie Leneveu - Liberal:** As a marketing manager for a theatre festival in a neighbouring riding with previous experience only in the STEM field, I am extremely passionate about investment in arts and culture and have seen firsthand what a shift in mindsets posed by social constructs can accomplish! We strongly believe in public broadcasting and we will be continuing to fund TVO. We will also be removing incorporation fees for any arts organizations or artists that are looking to commercialize their products!

**Erica Charlton - Green:** Having support for our local artists and a chance to practice and highlight their talents benefits us all. I strongly support Universal Basic Income and the importance of the arts to lift us all up.

### **Hastings-Lennox and Addington**

**Ted Darby - Liberal:** A vibrant arts and culture community is a vital asset to Hastings Lennox and Addington.

**Eric Depoe - NDP:** Thank you for raising these important issues, The Ontario NDP is committed to help get artists, performers and arts and culture workers onto more solid ground, so they can build their best life, including a COVID-19 Arts and Culture Recovery Fund which, among other things would provide direct support to artists, live entertainment, and cultural workers to keep them afloat. We would restore and invest additional funding to the Ontario Arts Council , Indigenous Culture Fund and the Ontario Music Fund.