

What are the policies of the parties running in this election?

Green Party of Ontario

gpo.ca

Ontario Liberal Party

ontarioliberal.ca

New Democratic Party (NDP)

ontariondp.com

Ontario Progressive Conservative Party (PC)

ontariopc.com

Communist Party of Canada (Ontario)

ontariocpc.ca

Ontario Libertarian Party

libertarian.on.ca

Who is behind ArtsVote Niagara?

ArtsVote Niagara is governed by an Executive Committee of volunteers from the cultural sector: Janis Barlow, Colleen Blake, Stephen 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 Thursday 6 October 2011
- Encourage your friends and family to vote
- Pick up ArtsVote Report Cards and give them to your colleagues
- Tell your colleagues to check out artsvoteniagara.ca online
- Volunteer to help ArtsVote Niagara
- Donate \$20 to support the printing and distribution of ArtsVote Niagara

To learn more about ArtsVote Niagara, visit artsvoteniagara.ca

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!

Why should I bother to vote?

Arts, heritage and culture represent who we are and what it means to be Canadian. Government has a direct impact on arts, culture and heritage. Your vote will affect which programs and services are maintained, developed, funded and managed.

To Vote on Thursday 6 October You Must Be:

- 18 years of age;
- A Canadian citizen; and
- A resident of Ontario

Are You Ready to Vote?

If your information is on the Voters List, you will be sent a Notice of Registration Card (NRC) in the mail. It contains your voting location for election day, 6 October, as well as a list of advance polls in your area that will be open from 21 September to 30 September.

If you don't receive a Notice of Registration Card, you may not be on the Voters List or your information on the Voters List may be out of date. You can update or add your information to the Voters List at your local returning office (easily found here: elections.on.ca) at any time between now and election day, or when you go to vote at either the advance polls from 21 September to 30 September, or on election day, 6 October.

To be added to the Voters List, you simply need to show one piece of ID that has your name and residential address.

Where Do I Go to Vote?

For information on where to vote contact Elections Ontario:

1-888-668-8683 416-326-6300

TTY/ATS: 1-866-479-1118

elections.on.ca



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

2011 PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS OF NIAGARA



How did we 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 we survey?

We surveyed all 20 candidates running in the four Niagara ridings.

What do the grades mean?

The ArtsVote Niagara grades are based on candidates' responses to 14 multiple choice questions. 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. This guide explains 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. 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 declined to return the survey.

ST. CATHARINES

Jim Bradley - Liberal	B
Jennifer Mooradian - Green	B
Saleh Waziruddin - Communist	B
Irene Lowell - NDP	C
Sandie Bellows - PC	D

NIAGARA WEST - GLANBROOK

Anthony Marco - NDP	A
Katie Trombetta - Liberal	C
Meredith Cross - Green	C
Tim Hudak - PC	R

NIAGARA FALLS

Kim Craitor - Liberal	A
Wayne Redekop - NDP	B
Jeannette Tossounian - Ind	D
Adam Hyde - Libertarian	R
George Lepp - PC	R
Byrne Smith - Green	R

WELLAND

Cindy Forster - NDP	A
Donna Cridland - Green	D
Benoit Mercier - Liberal	D
Donna-Lynne Hamilton - Libertarian	F
Domenic Ursini - PC	R