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Questions for all Candidates:

In order to get specific information about candidate's views on support of volunteers in South Dundas, I am asking that all candidates provide responses to the following questions - rating each question from 1 to 10 - (where 1 is strongly disagree and will not support, to 10 - strongly agree and will support as a high priority if I am elected).

1. There is an important requirement for proactive support to volunteers from the Municipality - both from the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and elected Council Members - and from Municipal Management and employees.

Candidate Response: [10]

2. There is a requirement for a formal process to consider and approve Volunteer Projects along with other Council business at regularly scheduled meetings. This will legitimize and better recognize Volunteer Activities as an important part of Community business.

Candidate Response: [10]

3. Municipal Government should provide proactive encouragement, help and support through all phases of approved volunteer projects, including prompt acknowledgement and replies for volunteer queries and requests for help.

Candidate Response: [10]

4. The new Council should designate, appoint and announce Volunteer Ambassadors (Council & Municipal Management) to represent the interests of community volunteers.

Candidate Response: [10]

5. A Volunteer News and Information section should be added to the Municipal website.

Candidate Response: [10]

6. The Municipality will explore direct municipal funding of Third Party Liability Insurance for "Normal" low risk approved volunteer projects. This could drastically reduce the need for volunteer groups doing it themselves directly - with a simple, easy and quick approval process. This will address a major volunteer headache and discouragement issue - likely at low cost to taxpayers.

Candidate Response: [10]

7. In Council's consideration of Volunteer Proposals looking for Approval, Council will make every effort to give a prompt and clear directive to next steps required and who is responsible and when.

Candidate Response: [10]

For responses received before the end of September, I will compile the results and share them with the community via a follow up letter to the editor before the upcoming municipal election.

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