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**RE: Will You Support A Volunteer Charter for South Dundas?**

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Good evening John,

Thank you so much for your efforts with this. I could not agree more with your suggestions and have given all of them a 10. Years ago I was the heritage coordinator for the township of South Dundas. I was responsible for facilitating the mural project and the save the train project, as well as many other projects and events. I use the word facilitate because at that time the council direction was that my primary responsibility was to work directly with the community (volunteers) to get things done. Because it was through my office, things like insurance were covered and I made monthly presentations to council that included the community members. There was no "us vs them" mentality like there is today. We were able to accomplish so much across all of South Dundas. And I can tell you that, the way that I see volunteer community members treated by the current council and staff now, well it is one of the main reasons I made the choice to run for Deputy Mayor.

Thanks again,

Kirsten

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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 ]**