



City of London  
Municipal Election Candidates  
NONPROFIT SURVEY RESULTS

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## About Pillar Nonprofit Network

Pillar Nonprofit Network supports nonprofit organizations in fulfilling their missions in our community. We provide leadership, advocacy, and support to the nonprofit sector through the promotion of volunteerism, professional development and networking opportunities, and information sharing.

**To assist our members, our core priorities include:**

- Strengthening our community through increased awareness and advocacy of the nonprofit sector
- Supporting nonprofits to develop an equitable workplace that is diverse, inclusive and accessible to the community
- Promoting best practices and policies for an effective nonprofit sector

**Mission:**

To strengthen the impact of the nonprofit sector.

**Vision:**

A stronger nonprofit sector for an engaged, inclusive and vibrant community.

## Pillar Nonprofit Network asked the local municipal election candidates for their responses to the questions:

1. London's nonprofit sector contributes to the economic revitalization of the city, how will you ensure that it continues to be a priority?
2. How are you currently involved in supporting the nonprofit and charitable sector?
3. Once elected, how will you demonstrate the nonprofit and charitable sector is a priority for you? Please provide at least two specific examples/actions of support.
4. Other comments are welcome.

The questions were sent out via email on August 5, 2014 and additional reminders were sent out closer to the deadline.

## Mayoral candidates

### Ha, Tae Khun

Did not respond

### Brown, Matt

1. An important value of this campaign is that we're better, together. I believe that there isn't a challenge or opportunity London faces that can't be met if we break down silos, and leverage the strengths we have within our community.

The role of the non-profit sector in economic revitalization and in promoting overall quality of life within London is clear. I will ensure that the sector is engaged in the important issues facing London.

The 'Collaborating for Community Impact' model being championed by Pillar is exactly how London needs to approach the challenges and opportunities it faces. If we build strong partnerships of respect and collaboration between the private, public and non-profit sector, there isn't a community challenge or opportunity that we can't meet.

2. The non-profit and charitable sector in London is incredibly vibrant. It gives all Londoners so many ways to support the causes that matter to them in the ways that work best for their families. From giving of time to making financial contributions, there are so many ways to help.

For our family, we are fortunate to be able to support many causes in our community consistently, in fact I've been a community volunteer for the past twenty years. A few examples include:

- Steering Committee Member with the *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* fundraising event for Women's Community House which is such a critical resource in our city. In fact, I was the first man in the community to sign up for the inaugural event.
- Serving on the advisory committee for the London-Middlesex Immigrant Employment Council.
- Serving on the selection committee for the inaugural Youth Education Awards for paediatric brain tumour survivors for the London-based Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.
- Past-President of Childreach, helping to support families by empowering parents to be their best - and we continue to give back as a family through their annual Colour Run, the Anticplate dinner and family fun festival.
- Co-Chair of Hyde Park Lions Club & Nor'West Optimist Santa Claus Parade
- One of my personal heroes is Terry Fox and supporting the London run is something I do every year, through donations and whenever possible, running the course.

As a family, we see the impact of support on a daily basis through Andrea's professional role in the sector. I have also worked in the sector as the senior director of sales and marketing at the YMCA of Western Ontario before I became a teacher.

Finally, as a leader in this city, I believe firmly in the important role this sector plays in changing lives, every day. The partnership between Pillar and the City of London is something I look forward to continuing.

3. In addition to my ongoing personal and family commitments, London's non-profit and charitable sector will continue to receive my support including:

- Being a vocal champion for innovations in the sector like the Social Innovation Shared Space downtown.
- Maintaining the City of London's support for the Pillar Nonprofit Network, and wherever possible using the office of the mayor to foster the kind of cross-sectoral collaboration that Pillar promotes through its Collaborating for Community Impact model.

## Caranci, Roger

1. A successful, healthy city is made up of all its parts. The nonprofit sector is one of many that continue to make London a great city. You will see my suggestions for fully integration of the nonprofit sector in answer below. There must be an open door policy to ensure there is an ongoing dialogue with all sectors that make London successful.

2. I just resigned from my commitments to run in this election. I believe if you are a member you need to give 100% and I knew that I couldn't and run in this election as well. The Board I just left was the Italian Senior's Housing Board, Hamilton Road Community Association, Hamilton Road Business Association and The Crouch Board.

3. Continue to respect and appreciate the integral role they play in London by: Establish a yearly roundtable with all nonprofit organizations in London and present to Council a State of the Sector report. Have an open office policy that welcomes opportunities for nonprofits to avail themselves of city staff.

4. Before being first elected to Council I was on the Board for London Housing, LUSC etc. A Board worked for years with FestaItaliana at the Market to generate money for a Senior's Retirement Housing Project and that was accomplished. I have always enjoyed my involvement with the not-for-profit and the nonprofit sector and will continue after this election. The City of London is a better place because of these sectors.

## Cheng, Paul

Did not respond

## Gardner, Steve

1. Currently the city of London helps out almost 120 nonprofit originations and invests just over \$2.7 million. This money goes and helps out the arts to festivals and many other types of projects. The Arts and festivals are a big part of the city coming together and experiencing different cultures, which I think is a must in growing cities. Showing that we are open to different cultures and projects, helps bring more people out of their homes and surrounding areas to the different sections of the city. This is key when you're trying to show off your city to investors or developers, because you want to show them what London has to offer to future employees.

2. I am currently the Chair of the Employee Association for the company that work for. Where I helped raise over \$3000, spread over multiple local charities in 2013, and looking to surpass that in 2014. I personally accepted a silver award at the Women's Community House Group Hug event on behave of our Employee Association donation back in June 2014. I don't always have the luxury of having time to volunteer because I'm busy working trying to keep a roof over my head and food on the table, so I donate where I can and help out when needed. You don't always need to volunteer to make a difference. Holding a door open and saying please and thank you goes along way. I am a strong believer in random acts of kindness, stopping and asking if people need help, or buying a cup of coffee for the person behind you in line, all these little charitable acts sometimes go unnoticed, but it makes London a better place to live.

3. If elected I will demonstrate my support for the nonprofit and charitable sector by continuing the funding that is needed to help promote the city and the sectors that help the people of London. Currently the city of London helps out almost 120 nonprofit originations and invests just over \$2.7 million to these companies. It only makes sense that if the funds are available that we try to help out more nonprofit and charity organizations. My Campaign is about honesty, integrity, transparency and being accountable. If elected I believe Londoners want to see where their tax dollars go and how their money helps out the nonprofit and charitable sectors. Londoners can currently perform a search on the Canada Revenue Agency website on their preferred nonprofit and charity corporations to see the past year results. What I would like to promote is open and complete transparency. If the City Hall of London donates tax payer's money to any organization, I would like a statement given back to the City, so we can report on how the donation was distributed. This information then will be posted on the City of London's website, so it is easy accessible to the public. This big move will help restore the faith in municipal politics, and help promote full transparency within the city and the organizations that have been assisted.

4. I just want to say thank you for inviting all the Mayoral Candidates, this is a big step in showing Londoners they have more options, and will hopefully increase voter turnout. I may not have all the answers but I am willing to Listen, Learn and Lead to help make London a better place. Thank you again.

## Kaplansky, Arnon

1. By concentrating on bringing prosperity back to London, this will benefit all sectors. When people have enough money to look after their own needs, it is only then that they are able to support causes that they care about. The other benefit to taking care of the economy first is that we can reduce the number of people who are in need of assistance.
2. Primarily, I contribute as a businessman by creating jobs and economic activity that contributes to a more prosperous community which benefits everyone.
3. I was the first infill developer to build affordable housing because I do believe that government has a small role in providing for those who are least able to provide for themselves. Furthermore, since it is the private sector and profit-based industry that supports the public sector and not-for-profit groups, we have to make sure that we do everything to help the business sector so we will be able to afford nonprofit groups.

Considering that in London, we pay \$66 million just to service the debt, if we lower it, we will be able to give more to you instead of the banks.

## Kelly, Donna

Did not respond

## Kogelheide, Jim

1. London's nonprofit sector has experienced several challenges over the last four years because programs have not been receiving their needed funding. Street Connections is just one example. I plan on working with Council to ensure that the nonprofit sector receives more opportunities to prosper and grow to reach a high status with our community.
2. I am always working with the nonprofit and charitable sectors by creating fun and educational community events that promote sustainable lifestyles. This year, I worked with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to create a children's Earth Day parade and tree planting event. I'm also on the board of directors with TREA and this summer I created two programs with the Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre to provide local fruits for families living on fixed incomes.
3. This summer, I worked with the Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre to build two pilot projects that I would like to see become larger community projects over the coming years. Voyageur (my employer) donated a bus, I donated my time to drive the bus and the GCCRC took care of registration. We filled a bus with families living on fixed incomes and we went blueberry picking. The cost for our blueberries was less than 1/2 of the cost compared to store purchased berries, families saved money. The berry farm made more money and this helps to improve our local economy. Our carbon footprint was decreased because we didn't support the

shipping of berries from across the province and our berries weren't wrapped in plastic! A sustainable program with a lot of potential! I was also involved in creating this same program, but with strawberries and my desire is to build even more programs of this nature.

4. I am not a politician. I am a leader, a community planner with ideas that will improve our local environments while enhancing our ability to provide for our families in sustainable ways. For 19 years, I have been working with mayors of small communities, school boards and children's groups - from across Canada (including Nunavut) - to build programs that bring people together in positive ways. One of the reasons for my mayoral candidacy is to be in a position where I can continue to grow and expand on my 'grassroots' approach for improving the quality of people's lives so that I can bring more people together in more positive ways.

### Lenart, Dan

1. One out of seven London households is on the social services. Province wide this works out to one million people. As a nation, Canada has 100,000 not-for-profit agencies, all competing against each other for shrinking resources. One of the problems that happens, especially in difficult economic times, is "social services turf warfare" - or the 'squeaky wheel gets the grease', instead of like minded agencies getting and working together. The City of London is in a position to help, because it is also one of the biggest landlords, and can offer places to meet for these community agencies, and can give them a break on the rent. Citizens with time, who are willing and able, can search and find the suitable agency through Pillar Nonprofit Network, and with the City's encouragement and resources get people further along the road.

2. I am involved in several nonprofit agencies, and have been for the last twenty-five years. It is a main reason why I'm running for Mayor.

3. I have been involved at the executive and board of director's level of several community agencies for many years. Working with the City of London has been an active part of this process with at least one of them, as they were the landlord. Writing grant proposals was also involved. I know first hand, the frustration felt on the front lines by these agencies, which face the possibility of shutting down on a daily basis. Another agency stopped its meal program, because of cut-backs by a City agency "London CARES". These frontline agencies provide crucial assistance, in the trenches, and divert the most vulnerable among us, off the streets and back alleys. An ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure. Police, fire, ambulance, lawyers, judges, jails, and hospitals cost millions if not billions of dollars compared to these much more modest and inexpensive local caring community agency solutions. It takes leadership, vision, planning, and a little financial injection to save much more on the other side.

4. The nonprofit sector is very important to me, but it does not get very much media attention, for the work it does. I would like to thank you for all your hard work.

## Main, Alexander

1. I believe that London is a community, built on people working together for the betterment of everyone. So my way of ensuring the continued success of the nonprofit sectors priority would be to get involved and active in my capacity as Mayor. Showing people of the city that even I help out, showing the importance of us working together improving our community.
2. Currently I am doing work in the London Food Bank with volunteer time along with hosting events that collect food for them. I am also currently active in charity events with my campaign helping to increase donations for their charities.
3. If elected I would continue to volunteer at the food bank along with other charities, secondly I would take part in charity events as Mayor to help promote and boost events within London.

## Miszczak, Marie

Did not respond

## Murry, Carlos

Did not respond

## Perry, Dennis

1. Over the past few years it doesn't seem to have been a priority and that reflects badly on the city. It will be a priority for me as I've had family and friends that have been homeless and have had mental issues.
2. Making donations when I can give blood, money, or food. Sadly I myself am below the poverty line, so my time is spent trying to stay afloat.
3. First, I want back the teen outreach for at risk youth. I know we can't save them all but it is better to give them a choice than writing them all off. Also the city needs affordable housing and to monitor for slumlords a lot better than what they do. If I get elected I'll have more money than what I need and while most well go towards quietly helping friends and family at need, some well go to charity but more importantly I'll have time to donate. I'll be able to give my time and make noise for the charity. I really would like to help at the soup kitchens and the humane society and show the kids that I was never a rich kid and I still was able to claw a life for myself so there is hope.
4. I make around 21k a year. I'm not just trying to look good to win a few votes. I live the life and have seen the help and difference that it has made for my friends and family.



## Sinan, Ma'in

Did not respond

## Swan, Joe

1. Investment in NFP organizations through capital and operating grants and purchase of services and support for the new social innovation building.
2. I have spent over 20 years as an NFP executive director and I am an active helping a number of agencies and programs.
3. The NFP is a vital component of our economy and is an equal partner in economic development. I believe the City budget must reflect our commitment through leadership on major programs coming directly from the Mayor's office and utilizing purchase of service agreements and support for capital programs in the City budget.

## Ward 1 Candidates

### Beynen, James

1. According to Statistics Canada, the charitable and nonprofit sector contributes an average of 8.1% of total Canadian GDP. On par with the retail trade industry and close to the value of the mining, oil and gas extraction industry. The numbers are staggering when you consider how little attention local government pays to it. Local governments need to do a better job investing in organizations that help develop the infrastructure to recruit, develop, place and retain volunteer talent as well as encourage young professionals to consider employment in the sector. This requires working directly with organizations in the sector but also umbrella organizations like Pillar Nonprofit Network with a mandate to provide leadership, advocacy and training.
2. I have experience in a number of local organizations in the sector and am currently a member of the Heritage London Foundation, Holy Rosary Catholic School Council, as well as the Medway Healthy Eating Healthy Physical Activity.
3. I would like to see London hold a "Voluntarism and Nonprofit" Fair drawing together organizations in the sector both to encourage voluntarism and increase interest from young professionals to consider careers in the sector. I would encourage London's academic institutions to participate in the "Fair" to ensure their graduates are drawn to the sector. In addition, I would like to establish a scholarship fund to be administered by a board drawn from the sector seeded with enough of a contribution from the city to make it a perpetual scholarship encouraging those considering careers in the nonprofit sector.
4. Mine is a campaign focused on three main themes: Responsible Council; Community Engagement; and a Sustainable London. These themes all have the goal of a better Ward 1 as

part of a better London. Engaging with the nonprofit sector is critical in accomplishing those goals.

### **Carter, Judith**

Did not respond

### **Polhill, Bud**

Did not respond

### **Van Holst, Michael**

1. Anything that contributes to the economic revitalization of the city is a priority to me. Nonprofits usually produce other significant benefits for the city as well. Presenting both types of benefits side by side, should keep the sector priority in the minds of the citizens.

2. I have volunteered, attended and performed in the London Fringe Festival. I have been on the Brickenden committee and hosted their annual awards ceremony. I have been helping UnLondon develop a new coding course. I make monthly donations to a number of charities and non-profits.

3. One of my goals is to create new ways for city hall to communicate directly with Londoners in order to enhance the democratic process. Two examples would be an email newsletter and city-owned billboards. One aspect of this initiative is to provide free advertising for various groups are making a difference for the city. Another goal is to help Londoners become more self-sufficient by creating resources that encourage and help them start their own businesses. Nonprofits and charities are two types of business models for them to consider.

4. Significant for charities is the fact that every dollar donated by a Londoner to a London charity provides a tax benefit that will also remain in London. The mathematics of encouraging Londoners to be locally charitable will make for a more prosperous London.

## **Ward 2 Candidates**

### **Armstrong, Bill**

Did not respond

### **McSloy, Nancy**

1. I support Josh Morgan (Candidate for Ward 7) on his platform for Ward Councils. Engaging with the community in this way will help to ensure that the nonprofit sector will continue to be a priority and give them a stronger voice at the ward level. My past experience is a strong

combination of private business as well as many years of working in the nonprofit sector. As a result I understand the importance of the nonprofit sector in the economic revitalization of the city and will work hard to ensure that it continues to be a priority.

2. Through my volunteer work within my community. I am currently a board member of the Argyle Community Association. I successfully started the Argyle Business Improvement Association and am also very involved in other programs, community organizations and so on throughout the ward.

3. My community involvement will continue as it is now, for example I currently coordinate an OWL Job Club (Older Workers London) that will not change if I am elected. I will continue to work with the community groups within the ward. And as mentioned in Question 1, I support the idea of Ward Councils.

## Polhill, Steve

1. London's nonprofit sector plays an invaluable role in London's economy. I honestly believe the small amount of funding the city gives to the nonprofit sector we get back tenfold. By funding the nonprofit sector the city gets events and services that if organized by the city would cost many times the amount we donate. I believe by continuing to support the nonprofit sector, we as councillors would be maximizing and getting much greater value for tax dollars spent.

2. For many years I have volunteered with and helped organize several nonprofit and charitable organizations, from my Optimist club, The East London Canada Day Celebration, HOBY Youth Leadership and others that I support currently, to way back in high school when I was the Rubber Ducky for the Heart and Stroke foundations rubber ducky race. Giving back has been a way of life for me for as long as I can remember.

3. Once elected I plan to continue to donate my time as often as possible to several nonprofit and charitable organizations. Like I said it's just a way of life for me. Not only that but I would put a high priority to making sure the nonprofit sector continues to get much needed funding from the city. As I mentioned before, the value we get back is far higher than what we spend. I would also look into how we can make it easier for nonprofit groups to put on events at city owned venues. We need to reduce the number of hoops that need to be jumped through, and cooperate as much as possible with the nonprofit and charitable sector. Every year there seems to be a new hoop to jump through or an additional cost involved. If we continue this way we are going to lose some amazing and much needed events in the city.

4. There is nothing better than the feeling you get when you help someone, that could never pay you back and you don't expect them to.

## Ward 3 Candidates

### Harris, Bill

1. I agree the nonprofit sector does contribute significantly to the revitalization of the city and I will continue, when elected, to support the grant Pillar receives each year from the core program.

2. I am not currently involved in the nonprofit sector however, for several years I was on the board of directors of an organization and for quite some time I was the financial secretary. This organization has donated well in excess of \$200,000 to a number of worthwhile local causes. I left the board by choice, to allow for new people to take part.

3. I will continue to support the City of London core revitalization grant. As well, I will attend any functions to which I am invited and return calls as quickly as possible. I will support this organization as much as is reasonably expected from a city councillor.

### Masciotra, Nick

Did not respond

### Salih, Mohamed

Did not respond

### Williams, Garth

Did not respond

### Zupanc, Henry

Did not respond

## Ward 4 Candidates

### Graham, Fiona

1. I am unclear how the nonprofit sector contributes to the 'economic revitalization' of the city. It by far has its own definition does not generate commerce.

2. I don't. If someone wants to bum a dollar for a coffee I usually give it to them.

3. It is not a priority for me.

4. I really had to think about how it contributes to the economy. Then I remembered the Sunshine list.

### Gray, Paul Pesach

Did not respond

### Helmer, Jesse

1. London's nonprofit sector is a priority because the organizations in the sector are working on some of our most pressing and significant challenges and opportunities. Given the missions of these organizations and the number of people who are involved as staff, clients, volunteers and donors, how could the sector not be a priority?

2. I worked for just over 8 years for the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation in communications and major gifts fundraising and I've served on boards and committees of established and emergent nonprofits. These days, I'm involved as an occasional volunteer and donor, along with my wife, Adina, to nonprofits and charities operating in the areas of leadership development, education and poverty reduction, both locally and internationally.

3. I will directly reach out to the staff and boards of charities and nonprofits in Ward 4 and the wider city to meet with them to understand what their organizations are trying to achieve and the challenges and opportunities they see in the community. I will proactively reach out to these organizations on an ongoing basis and try to connect and bridge between organizations as much as I can. I will include a link to Pillar Nonprofit Network's database of volunteer opportunities in my regular e-mail newsletter to constituents to promote volunteerism with Ward 4. I will keep the events calendar on my city councillor web site open for events submitted by community organizations in Ward 4.

4. I'm a member of Pillar Nonprofit Network and strongly support the work the organization does to build capacity in the nonprofit sector. Keep up the good work!

### MacRae, Christina

Did not respond

### Orser, Stephen

1. I will continue to support nonprofit sector issues brought forward to council, as I have done in the past.

2. I donate privately to some charities, support food bank with donations and assist nonprofits when asked.

3. I strongly support the nonprofit sector with my votes on council, as I have done in the past 8 years many times. I'm more than willing to assist with charitable fundraisers and events, in any way I can.

### van der Schel, George A.

1. Keep dialogue open and address issues as partners.
2. Was involved in the past with Lions Club.
3. Have given free legal services to low income tenants involved in landlord and tenant disputes. I have given free legal services to people before Social Benefits Tribunal.

## Ward 5 Candidates

### Cassidy, Maureen

1. I will work to ensure that City of London funding for the nonprofit sector continues. Stabilization of funding is critical to ensure the programs and services offered generate and leverage private sector dollars. I will work to ensure that staffs in the Community and Neighbourhood Services continue to provide critical outreach and guidance to the children and youth network, senior – aging in place initiatives and mental health advocacy. I will support the continued collaboration of Pillar, London Community Foundation, United Way and Community & Neighbourhood Services staff. Collaboration is critical in building strength and capacity in the community. The nonprofit sector in London is well respected and considered cutting edge. I will ensure that other levels of government are consistently aware of the unique, collaborative strength of the sector so they may consider London for seed funding to roll-out new inter-governmental initiatives.

2. I am a strong proponent of volunteerism and in giving back to the community. I have volunteered for the past 5 years with my neighbourhood community association, serving as President. As a community we have been involved in London's clean and green, community clean-up and other initiatives for the betterment of our city. I volunteer at my children's school and my family has a number of charities that we support on an ongoing basis. I have been involved for a number of years as a team captain for the Terry Fox Run. I am involved with The Colin Edward Cassidy Memorial Golf Tournament, a charitable tournament in memory of my younger brother which provides scholarships for post-secondary students whose lives have been affected by cancer. As a mother, I strongly encourage my children to get involved doing work within their schools and with organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul. As a family, we believe in upcycling goods, sending them to charitable groups as opposed to the dump and we direct our business, as much as possible, to nonprofit businesses such as The Goodwill book store.

3. I am supportive of re-instating the community grant funding that was cut from the budget last year. It is critical seed funding for important nonprofit capital works. It is used to leverage provincial and federal funds which result in transformative projects. I will take the time to meet with Pillar on a regular basis throughout my term, to understand the changing dynamics in the sector and to work collaboratively to support the sector.

### Fornelos, Mike

Did not respond

### Gordon, William

1. Nonprofits must be supported so we can sustain that level of awareness, needed services and opportunities for citizens to become involved in our community that are not specifically addressed by local municipal governance.

2. Currently I support the nonprofit sector in different ways. I'm currently a member of the London Movember Committee, a nonprofit that raises awareness around men's mental health issues. I also volunteer when time permits to aid nonprofits. For example, I recently was asked to source and needed furniture to one of London's youth and family support centers. With respect to the Arts, I attend many functions hosted specifically by nonprofits. Simply put, if I can help and support these sectors, I will.

3. Once elected I would be willing to lend my support those nonprofits that I feel are a good fit for our community and fill the needs or gaps not addressed by the city. I'm also hoping to partner with some nonprofits in which I feel I can be of some benefit, either through volunteering or building awareness.

4. There are so many sectors that fall under the banner of nonprofit and charities it's not possible to be involved with all of them. What we can do as citizens and leaders of our community is make it publically known that we must support those sectors that are making healthier communities, be sustainable over time, and can show measureable results.

### Hogg, Steve

1. Nonprofit organizations are almost always born of a social or community need not currently served by government. They are a necessary and beneficial component of modern society. That fact needs to be recognized and promoted within council and externally.

2. I am a member of the London District Transportation Club. I served on its board for many years, and was the president for two years recently. A large part of our mandate was giving back to the community. As well, throughout my business career, we have supported countless charities.

3. When on council, all municipal concerns are a priority. All I can promise is due consideration from whomever seeks my support. Being new to the position, I can only assume that there exists a close working relationship between council and the various nonprofit and charitable organizations. I would certainly strive to enhance them.

### **Koza, Stanley**

Did not respond

### **Labonte, Kevin**

1. By working in open partnership with the leaders in the nonprofit sector, and continuing to ensure that their voices are heard and valued at committees & council.

2. I currently sit on the board for the Thames Regional Ecological Association and on the steering committee for the London Cycle Link.

3. By respecting and accepting their advice and expertise in the fields that they represent. By ensuring that any request for funding is treated fairly and with respect.

4. The Nonprofit sector in London provides much needed services & support to the most vulnerable members of our society. They also ensure that these members have a voice. It is my mission to ensure that these voices are not ignored by city council.

### **Thambipillai, Prashanth**

Did not respond

### **Warden, Randy**

1. London's nonprofit sector affects us all. Many of the service organizations benefit thousands of Londoners. I am personally involved with a number of London's nonprofit organizations and intend to continue so. I attend countless nonprofit events and shall continue to do so. I shall make myself available to organizations in need.

2. I serve on several nonprofit boards including: London Celebrates Canada, St John Ambulance, Royal Canadian Legion (Vimy Branch), Garrison Community Council; and Commissionaires Great Lakes as a member of the corporation.

3. Continued public service with the boards aforementioned. Continued participation and support for Pillar events.

4. Unlike for-profit organizations that exist to raise funds for its owners, a nonprofit is raising funds to achieve its purposes. There is enormous gratification when volunteering or donating to



a cause then to see results. Volunteering for nonprofit organizations has always been important to me and I shall continue to encourage others to get involved.

## Ward 6 Candidates

### Beaton, Alasdair

1. The city needs to be more flexible to accommodate the needs of the non-profit sector. The city also needs to help showcase opportunities in the non-profit sector which encourage young Londoners to stay and have meaningful jobs which help their city.

2. I have a long-standing history of singing in community choirs.

3. I believe in a city which is safe and enjoyable for us all. Nonprofits play a crucial role in making that happen. (a) Most jobs are provided by small and medium-sized businesses. I will do what I can to make it easier to start small and medium-sized businesses of all kinds, including nonprofits. (b) Council also has a role to play in having young people realize that there are viable careers in the nonprofit sector, both as employees and as founders.

4. Thank you for reaching out. Anything we can do to improve interest and participation in civic life will benefit us all.

### Blosh, Marie

1. I will point out that the nonprofit and volunteer sectors deliver important services that enhance the lives of their clientele, and budgetary support for these activities is not a burden on taxpayers. Rather, it is a way to leverage municipal resources to deliver a broader array of services.

2. My volunteer commitments in London have focused on two areas: neighbourhoods and animal welfare. I have been actively involved in my community association for 13 years and served as its president. In that capacity I spearheaded a community tree planting project with ReForest London, obtained Provincial heritage designation for the Broughdale school, and was a member of the Urban League, an umbrella group of nonprofit and community associations. I am also involved with a network of nonprofit animal welfare and rescue groups in London that have been responsible for adoption programs, spay and neuter programs, and policy development.

3. I will support budgetary allocations to nonprofit groups that demonstrate the ability to deliver needed services to London residents. I will also consult with the nonprofit network for guidance on issues within their area of expertise.

## **Bloxam, Mike**

1. I recognize that London's volunteer sector not only enriches the lives of thousands of Londoners, but also has a huge economic impact worth hundreds of millions of dollars every year. One of my campaign priorities is creating employment opportunities and jobs for Londoners, and the nonprofit sector is one of our largest employers. I will continue to be aware of this as a councillor when faced with policies relating to everything from early childhood education, to the arts, to the environment, to housing, to social services, and a multitude of other areas. I am fully aware that one can only work on a voluntary basis for so long: there are costs to providing support and we must look to provide that financial, organizational, and practical assistance. It will be a priority to advocate for this sector and assist them to make and keep London a diverse, accessible, and caring community.

2. I am a volunteer with a number of nonprofits and charities, including over 15 years at the London Food Bank. Other organizations include ReForest London, South Collegiate Alumni Association, Thames Region Ecological Association, All-Breed Canine Rescue, Canadian Blood Services, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Movember (list @ <http://www.bloxam.ca/index.php/about-mike>). All of these organizations do important work and I appreciate the opportunity to do my small part in helping them achieve their goals.

3. Whatever the outcome of the election, I will personally continue to make the support of local not-for-profits a priority as I am able to with donations, by attending fundraisers and special events, and promoting their good work. I will continue my volunteer work with different groups and try to use my role as a councillor to bring even greater awareness to them.

## **Etheridge, Cynthia**

1. The economic revitalization desired is more far reaching than that of our own city. The economic hardships are felt by many globally. It is imperative that we treasure and support our nonprofit sector.

2. I show my support through personal monetary donations and through my volunteer work. Throughout my life I have brought my children along so that they too can appreciate and go forward with the same supportive spirit.

3. For one year, my children and I met with a group each week to share in the preparation of meals for those in need of a warm meal and friendship. When donating time, money or material, I would include my children so they could learn compassion and generosity and love through my example. Once elected, I will encourage all those capable of kindness to participate in any way. I can only encourage others by taking the lead with the objective they can follow my example.

4. If we all take a small part we will contribute to finding long lasting solutions to what we only see as problems in our society. Many hands make the load light.

## Farahi, Amir

1. The City of London needs to leverage the skills, expertise and value of the nonprofit sector to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the way that our city works. Nonprofit organizations have a wealth of knowledge about the people that live in our city and the challenges that they face. I think that city councillors have to be aware of the work being done by nonprofit organizations to truly lay claim to a full understanding of our city. As a city councillor I believe that I have a responsibility to facilitate cross-sector conversations between nonprofits, government and for profit entities so that we can work together to address many of the societal gaps that still exist in London. If we properly engage nonprofit leaders in these kinds of conversations, our communities will stand a better chance of developing lasting strategies to address the challenges that they face. These challenges are directly linked to the economic future of our city. The nonprofit sector has direct contact with London's untapped labour market. Many Londoners have skills, abilities and potential but do not have the opportunity to contribute to London's economy. In order for London's economic revitalization to be truly successful, we must make sure that these individuals are given the chance to contribute. As a city councillor I would work hard to ensure that this human element of economic development is not forgotten as we work to secure London's economic future.

2. As of August 2013, myself and a group of Western University students started a nonprofit organization to provide educational, mentoring and job skill programs for youth. These programs link young people to adults in the community who can provide them with the necessary support to achieve their goals. uRelieve seeks innovative solutions to break the cycle of welfare dependency, joblessness and illiteracy. We believe in an education that allows students and teachers to discover and expand their capacity and joy for learning and to thrive through active participation in vibrant learning communities. We have partnered with the YMCA and we're currently awaiting a grant decision that would allow us to start our program in the fall. I have also been involved with the London Youth Advisory Council. I was elected in the spring of 2013 for a one-year term. The London Youth Advisory Council exists to ensure that youth voices are integrated into local public policy decisions. The LYAC is a youth government that amplifies youth opinion, on a diverse array of public policy issues, to the decision-makers in our formal governments and institutions. Councillors simultaneously learn and perform the role of a public representative by reaching out to their constituents through canvassing, social media, surveys, and outreach to youth organizations, public consultations and events. In addition, we received training in advocacy, policy writing, community development and public relations that strengthened our leadership skills. Alongside 12 other LYAC councillors, we represented over 73,000 youth in London, Ontario. We engaged in strategic planning and development both individually and collectively as a result of our participation in many municipal level and LYAC initiatives. We developed strong relationships with LYAC partner organizations, attended weekly working meetings with other councillors, and researched topics related to constituent issues as necessary. I also personally attended several community events each month to engage with youth, city leaders, politicians and others. I have also worked and volunteered with various other organizations and community groups

such as the London and Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership, London Food Bank and the Boys and Girls Club.

3. As I speak to Ward 6 residents I notice a great pride for London, but also a great desire to find the words to express that pride. I believe that London's identity will develop if we take the necessary steps to build a functional, connected and attractive city. Functional means having a fair tax system, a government that works and a vibrant democracy; connected means bringing people together through smart investments in infrastructure, programs and ideas; and attractive means providing the necessary supports to make London a place where people want to start and grow businesses, families and lives. Part of having a functional government is building a City Council that knows how to listen. That's why I am committing to 100 Days of Listening (focus groups, community discussions, further ward canvassing, etc.) so that I am able to gain a grasp on the many organizations, individuals and ideas that make up the City of London. I will commit to dedicating a portion of this 100 Days of listening to identifying the problems, barriers and needs of nonprofit, community and charitable organizations. Secondly, as part of my goal to make London an attractive city to start and develop a life I believe that we should aim to make London the start-up capital of Canada. My work at uRelieve and within the social innovation sector has taught me that one of the most important elements of a strong start-up community is a strong social consciousness. As London strengthens its support for local business development I will commit to making sure that social entrepreneurs are part of this effort.

## Ilannialice, Flavio

Did not respond

## Squire, Phil

1. One of the most significant lessons I learned through my own volunteer work in the nonprofit sector is that nonprofit organizations tend to fill a gap between available public services and private fee-bearing services. This is true of a range of organizations, be it the London Food Bank or a nonprofit athletic association. How I would specifically support each type of organization would depend on the organization itself, but I certainly intend to ensure that these types of organizations receive the support that is needed from the City of London to fill the gap. This could be accomplished by ensuring there is a specific sum set aside in the budget to provide grants as support for these organizations or by simply endeavouring to sit down with these organizations regularly to determine what the City of London can do to play a role in the work they do. I also intend to continue my own philanthropic work as a city councillor.

2. I am currently a member of the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity. I have been chair of the board from 2012-present. I have been a volunteer soccer coach with both London United and Norwest Optimist soccer clubs. I am a member of the London Neighbourhood Community Association.

3. A primary component of my platform is accessibility. One initiative I would like to bring forward is to have regular meetings, roundtables, and town halls with London nonprofit organizations in order to ensure that these organizations are receiving whatever support they require to continue to do the good work that they do. Second, I would pursue the possibility of setting aside grant money in the budget to ensure that these organizations are able to seek out and obtain financial support when they require it.

## Ward 7 Candidates

### Ali, Osam

Did not respond

### Esposito, Michael

1. As a former president and director of a nonprofit organization I fully understand the processes and value of these groups to a community.
2. Personally have created and been a part of nonprofit organizations. My support through donations and volunteering has continued.
3. Promote continuous contact with members of the community to provide clear and open disclosure. I will be accessible and available to all groups that seek to help and improve our community. Continued support for the arts and sports groups.
4. We should be increasing our community awareness of all organizations that support the city of London through nonprofit or charitable groups.

### Kennedy, Matthew

Did not respond

### Morgan, Josh

1. I would continue to support nonprofit organizations by working with groups like Pillar Nonprofit Network to ensure that nonprofits have access to the training, expertise and resources necessary to achieve their mandates and goals. I would also work with the London Public Library to support community space for nonprofits to meet, grow, and learn. I believe that a strong nonprofit sector is vital to economic growth and prosperity.
2. While on the London Public Library Board, I had a great, positive relationship with Pillar (who has offices right in the Central Branch). I volunteered my time to participate as a panelist and speaker at Pillar workshops. I freely share my knowledge and expertise and am always happy to be a resource for the nonprofit sector. In the charitable sector, I have been the

president and board member on several charitable service clubs in the city. This includes clubs that may not have charitable status, but raised a significant amount of money for local charities. In my day job as the Recruitment and Development Officer of the Local Government Program, I have worked with Western's Community Engaged Learning Coordinator to connect our Masters of Public Administration students with local nonprofits and charities that require their expertise (program evaluation, strategic planning, financial / HR management, etc).

3. I believe my experience demonstrates my ongoing, significant commitment and contribution to the nonprofit and charitable sector. This would not change as a city councillor. A couple of specific commitments I will make are: a) As the Ward 7 councillor, I would regularly meet with Pillar to ensure I have a good and ongoing understanding of the current state, composition, and challenges of the sector. I will listen closely to the advice and needs of the sector and ensure I do what I can to continue to support the work being done. b) Specifically, I would work with local Ward charities and nonprofits to support their events and their mandate in our community. There are a number of wonderful nonprofits and charities operating in Ward 7 and I will continue to support their efforts to make our community better.

4. My experience with nonprofits and charities in London has been both rewarding and educational. Working and volunteering with them has given me the satisfaction of contributing to my community as well as the opportunity to learn a lot about different parts of our community (their needs, hopes and dreams). Given the opportunity, I look forward to continuing this journey as a city councillor.

### Szpakowski, Donna

1. I agree that the nonprofit sector plays a vital role towards the rejuvenation and well being of London. This sector, supported over the last decade by Pillar Nonprofit Network contributes to our quality of life through various social services to support our vulnerable population, recreation, culture, health, community, sports, elder, child care, employment, business counseling, and more. Specifically, Pillar Nonprofit Network is leading the way with social innovation and social enterprise that promotes and supports partnerships between business and community partners. As city councillor, I would work closely with London's not for profit and charitable network of organizations to ensure that I understand the vision, mission, impacts and benefits of existing and proposed programs and initiatives for the community. This will allow me to be a strong advocate as I work to endorse and champion organizations and/or initiatives as community priorities. Coupled with a solid business plan, I would advocate that these initiatives would have access to council directed funding, or through the funding to granting programs and as identified in the budget, so as to enable these organizations to harness and engage citizens to build a strong, economically prosperous London with quality of life in which people will want to live, work and invest.

2. I have acted as a community builder and advocate for many years – I like to think of it as community entrepreneurship. I have been a member of the Hyde Park Business Association (HPBA) for over six years in a variety of roles that include secretary, vice president and current

president. During this time, I have advocated for businesses and the community on matters pertaining to impending zone changes and other concerns or issues related to the area. Over the last four years, I have worked with the Hyde Park Road Widening Committee, a collective group of community members along with representation from the City of London (Project Mangers, Engineers, Planners, etc.) to mitigate the impacts of the Hyde Park Road widening scheduled to conclude in 2015. Working with the HPBA, we were successful, by working with the incumbent councillor of the day, to have the construction process reduced from three to two years. I am also working with this committee, the City and the Hyde Park Business Association with discussions for future visions and enhancements in the Hyde Park/Gainsborough Road area. On another note, after hearing that many children cannot go outside for recess in the winter without appropriate boots, I worked collaboratively with the HPBA Association, local businesses and the community to launch the "HPBA Annual Boot Drive". The Association has collected and donated to Mission Services over 600 pairs of boots - helping to keep toes warm. As chair of the Santa Clause Parade Committee, we have participated, since the inception of the Hyde Park Santa Parade with a float garnering help with the design and decorating from Oakridge Secondary School students while helping them gain volunteer hours. After, two years in the making, I worked closely with the Hyde Park Business Association, collaborating with local businesses, the City of London and many other stakeholders to launch London's first Outdoor Community Piano dubbed the "Piano Project" this spring. Apart from the Hyde Park Business Association, and as a big believer in entrepreneurial endeavors, I believe that self-employed individuals / families and small business are going to be the economic backbone to London's recovery. Hence my recent past involvement for 3 years in the "Send a Kid to Camp Business Basics" program designed to raise money to send kids (who otherwise would not have the opportunity) to attend the Junior Achievement London's summer camp program. It is inspiring to help light that "entrepreneurial spark" in the youngest and brightest! Partnerships are key, and as such I work with community based organizations such as the NorWest Optimists to support our youth and families. I am working with the Goodwill Career Centre (Sherwood Forest Mall) employing youth, and I am currently collaborating with the NorthWest London Resource Centre regarding youth employment placement programs with businesses in North West London. As well, I have been in discussions with Over 55 as it relates to their programming and getting our older demographic to work. I sit on the marketing committee with the London & Region Fundraising Executives (LRFRE) which supports the nonprofit sector by promoting a standard of ethical practices and code of conduct for those working in the fund raising field. For the past three years, my business has and continues to be a sponsor of this organization to support the important work that they do both within the sector and in the community. After 14 years, I continue to be a member of the London & Middlesex Child Safety Committee led by the Middlesex London Health Unit; helping to support young, growing families with pertinent programs and information so as to promote healthy, safe environments and communities to thrive. This committee has a seat and voice on the City of London's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) Lastly, involved in 2007/2008 as part of the organizing team, I continue to work with London's Clean and Green initiative as Captain in the Hyde Park area.

3. The collaborative approach towards creating partnerships between the nonprofit, business and government sectors in London plays an important role in the community, and as such, I would continue with my own personal involvement within the nonprofit, charitable sector at various levels. I would advocate for the Stretch Tax Credit currently being supported by Pillar and Imagine Canada to increase the federal charitable tax credit on giving that exceeds a donor's previous highest giving level. This tax credit will support community generosity and also the Federal Government's stake and commitment to our community. The Stretch Tax Credit will help to increase donations and new investments locally, especially for nonprofit/charitable entities relying on smaller, higher volume donations. This will allow them to have the fullest impact on the communities in the sector they serve. I would also help to educate the community about this innovative approach to motivate donations from the local community members and businesses. I would actively support the new shared space being invested downtown as London's first nonprofit social innovation initiative. This model, operating on a business platform will help other nonprofit entities generate revenue, promote financial stability and further their social purpose or mission while bringing together entrepreneurs, social purpose businesses. I am confident that this exciting, collaborative-based initiative will have a large impact towards London's recovering economic prosperity and job creation. I support and believe in the concept of Social Enterprise. Owned by nonprofit organizations, the idea of operating for the social good by using a business methodology in the production of and selling goods and services to generate income is a good one. This allows these enterprises to build baseline dollars to invest and contribute back towards healthy, vibrant communities while meeting their vision and mission - being less dependent on government funding at all levels and donations. Social community entrepreneurship at its best. In fact, at Neighbourhood Watch London, I led this model with the sales of "Home Finder Plates" to help fund special programs.

4. The impact of the nonprofit and charitable sectors in Ontario and London is significant in all aspects of our lives. This sector plays an important role in community building, along with job creation for all demographics and encourages the coming together of people to identify creative opportunities for community collaboration. With my past and current involvement in this sector and in this community, I am keenly aware that local nonprofits are usually better positioned to leverage municipal funding, and have the ability to secure additional resources from other funders and levels of government for which municipalities cannot. This can be win-win for both the nonprofit sector and the City of London as we work to pool our knowledge and resources to facilitate relationships between government, business and community partners for a better London. And this is exactly the sort of thing I love to do.

## Ward 8 Candidates

### Hubert, Paul

1. London has a robust non-profit and charitable sector. It contributes to economic revitalization through job creation, retraining and innovative service delivery often in a social enterprise context. I will continue to promote awareness of the sector through publicly highlighting the



work done in the community, through bringing non-profits together with for profit and public sectors to leverage collective strength. I will continue to assist leaders in the developing their organizations. Many of our organizations ensure that no one is left behind, that we move forward together as a city. They ensure that London is a city of opportunity for all and all can make a contribution. I believe one of the key roles is to bring unique elements of our community together to revitalize areas of the city.

2. I am the executive director of an employment agency, Pathways Skill Development. I participate on many workgroups that address issues across our community. I was a member of Prince of Wales Seeing is Believing initiative with leading social enterprises and businesses discussing mental health in workplace. I have been a founder of the social enterprise movement in the city and am assisting to bring the Canadian Social Enterprise conference to London in 2015. I believe NP leaders are often under resourced. I spent a significant portion of my time dialoguing with leaders about their work and our community.

3. I will continue to dialogue and consult. I will continue to receive regular input from leaders in the nonprofit and charitable sector. I would also continue to attend events and provide affirmation of the value and impact that these organizations make in ensuring that London is a caring community. I would want the Non-profit capital fund re-established as part of the budget. This small fund enabled many non-profits to leverage this commitment into significant grants and impact for the community.

4. Thanks for all you do!

## Risley, Thomas

Did not respond

## Ward 9 Candidates

### Chahbar, Ali

Did not respond

### Corrigan, Ed

1. London's nonprofit sector is a vital part of London's economy future growth. It provides much needed services to an important section of our London community and assists those in need. I have been a strong supporter of London's nonprofit sector and have served as a volunteer on many nonprofit Boards and organizations. I have supported them in the past and will support them in the future. I will definitely make strengthening the non-profit sector a priority because it contributes to London's economic vitality and provides valuable services to the residents of London. When I served on London's City Council I voted for the proposal to allow Mission Services to acquire road allowance to expand their building.

2. Yes, I am currently involved in several non-profit organizations. Below are a few of my community involvement in the not for profit sector.

Ed Corrigan Community Activities:

- Fugitive Slave Chapel Preservation Project Steering Committee March 2013 to September 2014 (Resigned due to Municipal Election).
- Elizabeth's Steel-Reurink Memorial Student Success Initiative Founding Board Member 2009 to present
- London Cross Cultural Arts Committee (Sunfest) Board of Directors 2005-2009, Treasurer 2006-2011
- King's University College Alumni Association 2001-2011

3. I would support all reasonable requests for funding for the nonprofit sector providing that appropriate justification and support material was presented.

I would also support the funding of a training seminar for nonprofits to help train board members to better understand their legal and organizational duties as members of a Board of Directors of a nonprofit organization.

4. I have always been a strong supporter of Mission Services and Goodwill Industries as well as nonprofits that provide services to new comers to London like WILL and the Cross Cultural Learner Centre where I served on the board for 4 years. I will continue to support the nonprofit sector as they provide an important service to the London community and contribute to our economic prosperity.

## Gysbers, Doreen

1. There is very important work being done by nonprofit and charitable groups in our community. Most groups require money to operate from the city and request that they are included at budget deliberations. I will be mindful of their request to be included in our budget deliberation process.

2. I organize the Terry Fox School Day Run in September; I organize the Heart and Stroke Hoops/Jump Rope for Heart campaign & Fun Day for my school; I was a volunteer in the annual Heart and Stroke month in February, going door to door for donations.

3. I will continue to be involved in organizing the Terry Fox School Day run and Heart and Stroke Hoops/Jump Rope for Heart campaign in my school.

## Haidar, Eric

1. Nonprofit sector is a vital element of the city of London, unconditional support to make sure they continue with their projects.

2. Yearly contribution to the food bank, Goodwill stores, the kidney foundation as well as feed the children project, any project that benefits the residence of London, help those in need, and make life easier of the unfortunate will be supported by allocating resources and financial funds.

3. Most politicians ignore the public once in office and look after the interest of corporations and those that contributed to their campaign, I did not accept any donations, nor will I accept any, from any special interest group, the city and its citizens need help and I will do all I can to accomplish that without forgetting those that do a good deed without looking to see how much money they could gain from it, i.e., the nonprofit organizations.

### Hopkins, Anna

1. The city spends about \$2.25M in funds for the nonprofit sector (amount roughly equivalent to that provided to the London Economic Development Corporation). This funds a wide variety of organizations and programs, from established arts and cultural groups like the Grand and the Orchestra to small neighbourhood festivals.

I would suggest that we need a comprehensive report on the value of the services provided by nonprofits, the number of jobs involved, the number of volunteer hours, etc. This data is already available at the national and provincial level but we need that at the local level so that councillors and residents alike can appreciate the return on investments that not-for-profits have.

We need to review funding for not-for-profit organizations to ensure that we maximize the revitalization that this sector can provide. Needs and priorities change over time; some organizations may be past their best before date or self-sustaining, while others receiving little or no funding will be able to make significant contributions given adequate resources. We need to give recognition to the non-profit sector. The current featured community organization is excellent but would get more attention from the public if the awards were made prior to the public business of the council. There are few people in the public gallery to witness the awards at 4 p.m. since council goes in camera immediately following the awards.

2. As a Toronto teenager, I worked with youth at drop-in centres and summer camps in the city core and also was a candy stripper at a local hospital. Shortly after coming to London nearly thirty years ago, I became involved in a number of community organizations including being treasurer for Oak Park Pre-school, serving on a building committee to construct a day care centre, being treasurer for the Byron Home and School Association, and serving on the executive board of the London United Soccer Club. I have been a member of the Urban League of London since 1999 and served on the executive/director's board from 2002 to 2013. I have served as fundraising chair, treasurer and director, represented the League on a number of City committees and worked on League committees such as Civics 101 (Why should young people vote?) and organized debates on why the City needs an integrity commissioner. The League is an umbrella group of approximately 26 community groups and individuals throughout the City

of London. I am a member of the Lambeth Community Association and a founding member of the Byron Community Organization. I was one of the organizers for the very successful "Byron is Beautiful" festival earlier this year which received a Sparks grant from the city.

3. I will be responsive: I will take time to meet with representatives of non-profit organizations at their request and make every effort to attend their meetings and functions when invited.

I will be proactive: I will identify and reach out to nonprofit organizations in my ward, inviting them to meet or get in touch as well as informing them of issues and items of interest such as public participation meetings, available grants and awards, etc.

I will carefully review grant requests and budget recommendations to ensure that London's nonprofit sector has the resources to continue to make our community and our economy stronger.

4. I want to commend Pillar for the excellent resources it has brought to the city in the few short years that it has been here in terms of breaking down silos, providing education and training, promoting collaboration and informing nonprofits of opportunities to maximize their resources and impact. I also want to commend the current and previous council for its perspicacity in providing Pillar with predictable funding that allows it to continue to function as an umbrella organization in support of its members.

### Minifie, Frank

Did not respond

### Schiller, Jeff

1. London's nonprofit sector has always been and should continue to be a part of who we are as a City. I would do my part to see that it continues to be a priority by maintaining an open dialogue with our many nonprofit partners to ensure their voice is heard and that we have a solid understanding of how the decisions we make as a council will affect this vital sector.

2. Currently I am involved in supporting the nonprofit and charitable sector in many ways. I have always had a passion for working with youth in many different ways. I have been a "Big Brother" for almost 20 years. Over the years I have worked with and volunteered for numerous organizations all supporting youth. As a candidate one of the biggest issues I am carrying forward is youth unemployment. I work closely with Youth Opportunities Unlimited and am partnering with them on a pilot project to directly address this issue.

3. Once elected, I plan on continuing to address the issue of youth unemployment in London as well as working closely with some of the different organizations in London that address youth issues.

## Ward 10 Candidates

### Ridley, Virginia

1. Nonprofits in our city fill many of the gaps and enhance services to the community. I plan to support the nonprofit sector across the city and more specifically in my ward by regularly communicating with the NPOs and charitable organizations.
2. I am currently the board president of a local nonprofit, and am aware of several organizations across the city. I am a believer in community based volunteerism and see great examples of the work that nonprofits across London.
3. I will directly contact all NPOs and charitable organizations within my ward and open communication with each organization. I will continue to volunteer my time to aid in furthering the mandate of the local NPOs and charitable organizations.
4. As a volunteer and community developer I have seen first hand what nonprofits can achieve. I am a believer in the "on the ground" work done by many of the organizations in our community. Nonprofits create opportunities for people and change the face of communities. I believe that these organizations provide value to communities and need to be supported.

### Robichaud, Bradley

Did not respond

### Van Meerbergen, Paul

Did not respond

## Ward 11 Candidates

### Brown, Denise

Did not respond

### Copps, Patrick

Did not respond

### Jenkins, Clive

Did not respond

## Martin, Joan

Did not respond

## Meijer, Menno

1. The nonprofit sector performs vital services for the City of London that would otherwise be unmanageable. I believe all possible assistance must be given to those focused on arts, culture, and social services to ensure a high standard and quality of life for Londoners.
2. I am currently a volunteer member of Christian Peacemaker Teams, Aboriginal Justice Team.
3. The City must support those nonprofit institutions that provide for higher life quality for Londoners. Where nonprofits arise due to neglect by civil authorities that must be rectified by the City becoming proactive in the work that must be addressed. For example, there is no need for a growing food bank in a City with such a vast wealth of interested, dedicated and intelligent citizens. The City must assure affordable and helpful assistance to citizens who wish to create their own businesses. These businesses in turn will hire more citizens, helping mitigate the need for food assistance.
3. The City must invest in its citizens. This can often best be done through the assistance and contributions to the efforts of nonprofit workers who are experts in their fields. The City must also invest in the necessary infrastructure to ensure social programs; the arts and culture continue to thrive.

## Turner, Stephen

1. The nonprofit sector is essential for London and Canada. The programs provided by nonprofits support the alleviation of poverty, protection and enhancement of our natural environment, delivery of a very wide breadth of programs to the community and have an important role in research and policy development. The nonprofit sector is a vital partner for government to ensure that our common mandate of the enhancement of society is fulfilled. With respect to the role played by London's nonprofit sector in our economic revitalization, the sector must be a partner at the table in developing strategies for renewal. Task forces and committees are useful for this and should automatically include representation from the sector in the terms of reference. I would also seek for input and data from the sector wherever possible. I have a long history of both working with and within the sector and would continue to do so throughout my term as councillor.
2. I have experience as a board member for Reforest London, the Old South Community Organization and as the past president of the Urban League of London. I continue to volunteer and donate to these organizations as well as many others across the city.

3. I would like to talk with members of the nonprofit sector to determine if it would be feasible to create a funding program for London's nonprofits from municipal grants. Currently, funding from the city is based on annual requests from organizations directly to council and the level of funding provided to the sector overall is hypervariable from year to year based on the budgetary pressures of the day. I would like to see nonprofit funding become a stable line item in the municipal budget so that there would be a demonstrated level of commitment to the organizations that help serve our city. Using the municipal funding envelope concept, I would also like to investigate the possibility of depoliticizing the granting process and have an external body evaluate grant requests and disburse the funds similar to how the Community Arts Investment Program (CAIP) is administered.

4. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of those working and volunteering within the nonprofit sector and to all those who donate to our amazing organizations. It's this commitment to community that gives me faith that Londoners together will continue to build our city even stronger than it is today.

## Ward 12 Candidates

### Ferguson, Peter

1. By meeting with non-profit groups and helping promote them and their work. I will continue to volunteer with groups such as Partners for Mental Health.
2. I serve as chair of the official board at Calvary United Church. I sit on the board of directors of Thames Region Ecological Association (TREA)
3. By continuing to volunteer in special events and information campaigns, and through financial donations.

### Haidar, Jesse

Did not respond

### Usher, Harold

1. I can only promise that I will hear out the needs of the nonprofit organizations, individually; however, each will have to compete for any requests for tax payers money, based upon what we may be capable of contributing to their cause. My first priority will be creating an atmosphere of job creation, i.e., industrial land development, transit, life cycle maintenance for roads and other infrastructure, etc.
2. I take them on an individual basis. Council does not necessarily have a Mandate to financially support nonprofit or charitable.

3. It will NOT be a priority. Every request will be scrutinized and if warranted at a specific time for a worthwhile purpose, it will be given attention and where possible, a contribution will be recommended.

4. Despite my respect and caring nature for the nonprofit sector, Council has to be frugal with spending tax payers' money on everything and grant every request. If it can be demonstrated that it enhances the quality of life of all Londoners, the request will be considered. But it will have to compete against other necessities. We must keep tax increase as low as possible.

## Ward 13 Candidates

### Bardai, Kim

1. I will sit down with all nonprofit organizers to find out how the City of London and nonprofit organizations can work together to find ways to improve the lives of citizens of this great city. Let's find ways to revitalize our economy, create new jobs, and find ways to house the people.

2. I have moments. I collect clothes for the London Food Bank. Members of the London Food Bank take what I collect, give the clothes to people that most despair to wear. I have also worked with the Aga Khan Partnership Walk charity to raise awareness about women and children in third world country. Hopefully the funds I have raised in the past have helped some family to start to a new life.

3. Each nonprofit or charitable organization will require their own specific requirement from City Hall and I will work with each organization to assess their needs and work with them to come up with realistic solution. We must also recognize that each organization will either require monetary support or personnel support. I will work with each organization to figure out what support they need and we has group to come up with a solution.

4. City Of London will require all groups, organizations, nonprofit and charitable sector work together with City Hall to really solve some of major problems facing our city today. If I am elected I will ask any group that has an idea to improve the lives of Londoners to bring it to my attention, so to start the process of improving people's lives.

### Edgar, Chris

1. Any private sector business that locates to or expands in London will contribute to the economic revitalization of the city. Encouraging a healthy economy will give people the financial resources they need to support non-profits.

2. I currently have a contract with a local nonprofit to which I charge a lower rate than my other clients because I recognize the contribution it makes to London as a whole.



3. I intend to continue with my contract in question 2, and offer similar support to other nonprofits. I will also continue to search for cost-effective methods for nonprofits to obtain the resources they need to provide their services.

### **Efthymiadis, Elizabeth**

Did not respond

### **Fyfe-Millar, John**

1. By collaborating with the nonprofit sector, we can discover synergies that will mutually benefit the City of London. Working within detailed business plans, and an action focused approach to deliverables; I will support any program that is beneficial to the progressive vision of London.

2. I am involved in various charities and nonprofit, including: Regional HIV/Aids, Connection Canadian Institute of Management, London Chamber of Commerce, Thames Valley Children's Centre, YMCA of Western Ontario, Unity Project, The Arts Project, Children's Safety Village and Kidney Foundation of Canada.

3. Opportunities include: support of organizations through fundraising efforts, support of organizations through board commitment and input, representation at the horseshoe on behalf of organizations on programs and services that support a progressive vision of London, an open dialogue and collaboration with organizations, ensuring transparency clarity of messaging and ensuring that organizations continue to have a network of individuals to draw on for professional assistance.

4. One of the most valued commodities today is time. Surveys will tell you that time is more valuable than remuneration, or recognition. It is imperative that we recognize the value of time, and the commitment volunteers are giving to organizations. Time is priceless, and can never be repaid - acknowledgement of these commitments is key to the success of any organization today.

### **Park, Tanya**

1. London's nonprofit sector is such a powerhouse on not only an economic level, but on both a social and cultural level. The nonprofit sector is of critical importance, and will always remain a priority for me.

2. I am an employee of London Community Players at the Palace Theatre, a volunteer with ReForest London, Beth Emmanuel Church and the Fugitive Slave Chapel Preservation Project, a member of the Urban League of London, and president of the SoHo Community Association. I donate my time, energy, and money to other organizations as well.

3. The key thing that our city council must do is to publicly recognize the economic drive that the nonprofit sector creates in London. Our nonprofit sector creates jobs, educational opportunities, cultural experiences, and support systems that Londoners need. With more investment from the city of London, (whether it will be financial, shared marketing, or increased partnerships) the nonprofit sector will make measurable returns to the people of London. I commit to advocating for the London's nonprofit sector whether I win a council seat or not.

## Saylor, Gordon

1. There is no denying the importance of the nonprofit and charitable sectors in the City of London. There are approximately 900 registered charities in London and many nonprofits that are not registered as charities. These organizations typically provide services that would not otherwise be available - performing arts, athletics, and social services to name a few. These organizations merit support from the taxpayers of London. The difficult question to answer is "how much support and what kind of support?" There is not a blanket answer to what seems a simple enough question. Support must be determined organizationally on a case by case basis. And, support will be determined by the case for support that is put forward by the organization. The City of London is not, nor should it be, the sole source for funds. Organizations must explore all avenues for support. However, there is no reason that the taxpayers of London, through the City, cannot be supporters of these sectors. I believe that the City can offer more than just operating or capital funds to organizations. There are many small organizations that would benefit greatly from such mundane things as a place to meet occasionally and insurance coverage for community events. I believe that the City is large enough that the associated risks are very manageable. I believe that the City has the ability to facilitate collaboration amongst organizations in the nonprofit and charitable sectors. Within these sectors networks of like organizations are very important. The City of London support for Pillar Nonprofit Network provides some wonderful tools to ensure this collaboration continues.

2. I have been employed in the nonprofit and charitable sector for the past eight years. I have worked for Canadian Mental Health Association, Middlesex for the past seven years and for St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation for one year before that. I was in the private sector before St. Joseph's. I have been involved, in a volunteer capacity, for a number of organizations for more than 20 years: London & Middlesex Housing Corporation (board), Covent Garden Market (board), London Community Players/Palace Theatre (board and operations), Thames Talbot Land Trust (board and operations), Old South Community Organization (board and operations) and Urban League of London (board and operations).

3. I will be an advocate for the City of London's continued recognition of the importance of the nonprofit and charitable sectors. The City must continue to provide initiatives such as the SPARKS grants for neighbourhood development and funding for organizations such as London Arts Council and London Heritage Council. There are so many organizations that provide vital services that could not continue to do so without the support of the different levels of government - and some of that support comes most appropriately from the municipal level. It is

also important that we don't put up barriers that prevent or impede organizations from fulfilling their mandates. Just as we want to facilitate the growth of the private sector we should want to facilitate the operation of the nonprofit and charitable sectors.

### Winner, David

Did not respond

## Ward 14 Candidates

### Collier, David

Did not respond

### Hamadi, Ali

Did not respond

### Hillier, Steve

1. By working cooperatively with groups that help London and promote sponsorship of opportunities, fundraising activities and events.
2. I support various charities and groups throughout the city with my bakery business.
3. Once elected I will take each request as it is presented, weigh it for its merit and support accordingly. I support many charities but don't have any personal charities that I champion.
4. I am a manufacturing engineer, business owner and entrepreneur; I have worked at many of the factories that have left London and was the assistant to the engineering manager at Beta Brands on Dundas St. and I am bringing what London really needs, practical ideas for a real future. You will find that my 48 years have taught me to get to the point, I won't give you any flowery language and I am not a polished politician just a lifelong Londoner trying to help.

### O'Connell, Sean M.

1. The not for profit sector is a valuable partner in municipal politics. I am interested in working alongside the not for profit sector as they offer a range of perspectives on economic values for the city. For example the Sunshine foundation list for public salaries is a useful tool for promoting transparency in the public sector. Developing and sustaining these working relationships will be necessary as we shape London for the future.
2. I am currently involved by speaking with a nonprofit group about their work and how to incorporate their services into City Hall.

3. The not for profit sector is a vital support network. Providing access to networks that would not normally be accessible using formal channels. I intend to utilize these networks for ensuring consensus and to promote outreach to the community whenever possible. As I mentioned I have been speaking with a not for profit group about promotion of civic and democratic engagement amongst youth in order to develop a working relationship.

4. Although I have not worked before with the not for profit sector in my career, I do fully understand how civil society benefits from having community groups, clubs, non for profit groups and charities by creating wellbeing and social capital in our society.

### Tipping, Allan

1. I believe that all the not for profit and charity organizations are a great asset to London. Not for profit and charities assist in areas that do not get the funding they deserve. With all the cut backs in funding and pressure on cities to keep taxes under control it really leaves nothing left. That being said, it does not stop the city from helping in other ways. I will, if elected continue to try to improve these relationships with the city. I will carefully review all requests and where possible assist with all requests.

2. I support charities and not for profit though the Masons and Shriners. The Children's Hospitals are a wonderful charity; unfortunately the sad part is that children need these places. Let me say, the smile on a child's face after you have helped to give them a better life is worth every hour and every dollar spent.

3. As I said above I support personally both Masonic and Shrine charities on a regular basis. I also ride my road bike in the Tree Port, the Autism Ride and Stride and others. If elected I believe that City Hall and Tourism London should have posting boards that show clearly to all visitors to City Hall and London any and all events that are taking place in our city, that are by Not for Profit or Charities. Far too often these meetings, events or fundraisers are missed by people who would like to assist due to lack of information.

### White, Sandy

Did not respond

### Zaifman, Jared

1. I commit to holding regular meetings with groups in the nonprofit sector. Groups such as Pillar Nonprofit Network, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, United Way, Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity and others. Each contributes in different ways to assisting people in our community, with a benefit not only to themselves, but the community as a whole. Municipal priorities often intersect with those of the nonprofit sector, so it is important that politicians be aware of these connections and are in touch with these groups.

2. For a few years I was a part of the Ontario Advocacy Committee for Parkinson Society, advocating for research for a cure. I now work as the manager of public policy and stakeholder relations for Parkinson Society of Ontario, a cause I am deeply passionate about with my father having the disease. I have also contributed and assisted with other local organizations such as Youth Opportunities Unlimited and Habitat; I have attended events, made monetary contributions, and for Habitat I have assisted them in connecting with potential partner organizations in Southwestern Ontario. In the past I have been involved in assisting youth leadership programs through the United Way, and spent time on the board of directors of the London Military Family Resource Centre (LMFRC). With the United Way program I helped foster young leaders for the future of our City, and with the LMFRC we helped fundraise and keep proper budgets to allow for programs to assist those with family members serving in the military.

3. The sector will always be a priority for me given my direct connection to Parkinson Disease and I will continually advocate for that cause. Beyond that I believe there is great merit in non-profit organizations, which not only assist people in the short-term, but provide for them opportunities to be successful in the future whether that is with their own home, or the skills and training to find meaningful employment.