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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	I believe the biggest challenges facing nonprofit organizations and charities in London, Ontario in 2026 are the result of a convergence of shrinking provincial and federal supports, unstable municipal funding, and rapidly rising community needs. Together, these pressures have created a structural crisis that threatens the sustainability of frontline services across the city.
Q7 — Support a Formal, Ongoing Dialogue Mechanism With the Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — London's nonprofits are the backbone of our community. When they struggle, our neighbours struggle. We need stable, predictable supports for the organizations that keep people housed, fed, safe, and connected. Municipal leadership must work collaboratively with provincial and federal partners to ensure London's charities can continue serving our community because a strong nonprofit sector means a stronger, healthier, more resilient London.
Q8 — Support Multi-Year Funding & Longer-Term Partnerships (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — The people who deliver essential community services are under strain, and the system is struggling to support them. In the meantime, community need is rising sharply, but the resources to meet that need are shrinking.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	London's nonprofit infrastructure is described as "a system at risk" due to chronic underfunding. Reports show systemic funding insecurity across the voluntary sector, threatening the organizations that coordinate training, advocacy, and community support. Without sustained investment, the city risks losing the backbone organizations that enable smaller charities to function effectively. There needs to be a closer, permanent dialogue between the non-profit sector and City Council. This can only be achieved by creating a standing committee to generate cross-sector collaboration and timely attention to the real needs of the community.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	The City's most important role should continue to be that of a convener, bringing together health, housing, social services, business, and emergency sectors to address complex community challenges. In this scenario, the City should increase its support of the Whole Community System Response.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	Stable, predictable funding and infrastructure with Multi-year funding agreements for key agencies, not just short-term project grants. Measurable improvements in community wellbeing, expressed in Reductions in chronic homelessness, encampments, and shelter overflow, shorter waitlists for mental health, addiction, and youth services and increased access to welcoming indoor spaces (drop-ins, community centres, cultural hubs) especially in underserved neighbourhoods.
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	Success over the next four years should look like fewer people in crisis, more people connected; fewer systems reacting and more systems preventing; fewer agencies scrambling and more agencies planning.

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Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes