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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	The biggest challenges are unstable year-to-year funding, rising costs, growing demand (especially around addiction, mental health and housing), and administrative burden. I will work actively with Pillar throughout my term to address these. I support multi-year funding tied to outcomes, reducing red tape and treating nonprofits as true partners in planning. After 12 years with the same councillor, Ward 9 and the sector deserve a more engaged partner at City Hall.
Q7 — Support a Formal, Ongoing Dialogue Mechanism With the Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes
Q8 — Support Multi-Year Funding & Longer-Term Partnerships (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — Multi-year funding and longer-term partnerships give organizations the stability they need to plan and deliver better outcomes. I will work with Pillar to make this the norm rather than the exception. I will also prioritize accountability so that public dollars produce results for residents.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	I will treat nonprofits as partners from the beginning not after decisions are made. Structured input. A seat at the table. A councillor who shows up. I am committed to being a more active and accessible partner with Pillar and the sector than Ward 9 has had.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	—
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	The nonprofit sector is essential to community wellbeing and economic vitality. Success over my term would look like stronger and more stable partnerships, less duplication, better outcomes on public safety and youth supports, and serving as an active, reliable partner with Pillar rather than a distant one.
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	My priorities are keeping taxes low, protecting neighbourhood character, restoring public safety, and focusing on core services. These all depend on strong community partners. I have seen this firsthand through coaching and my family's farm market. I am committed to working collaboratively with Pillar throughout my entire mandate and being a more active partner and leader at Council.
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes