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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	First is that we have frankly an over saturation in some sectors, which leads to duplication of overhead costs instead of productivity. Fewer strong organizations are better than many struggling ones. That is up to the sector to decide. It is not in my view Council's role or jurisdiction to be addressing concerns of longer term stable funding, that is not what the property tax base is for. If there is a desire to have Council support lobby/advocacy efforts to the senior levels of government, that is a role Council could assist with.
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 — Yes. And that has always been my concern, too many asks of Council are for start-ups or new initiatives rather than supporting longer term efforts. I continue to support the multi-year community grants, but not one offs. And it is also important to have clearer KPIs and alignment with the City's priorities--not a tenuous connection to a Strat-Plan item that was not priorities in the Multi-Year Budget.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	My door has always been open to dialogue, and the same is true of many of my colleagues. The concept that PPMs are the best consultation is false in my opinion. I think it is far better that non-profits engage with councillors directly.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	I am interested in the concept coming from the Downtown Master Plan around the city acquiring and repurposing some land. I think there is considerable potential to create some shared space opportunities, particularly in the downtown core. I'm particularly interested in some shared space creation on Dundas Place that could integrate with community activations happening on the street.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	I think there needs to be a focus on stabilizing and doing what you do well, versus trying to grow and expand initiatives.
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	—
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	—