






Candidate Kim Bardai

London – Councillor – Ward 13

1. How would you define poverty? Please select all that apply.

Response	Chart	Count
Lacking the resources to meet one's physical needs for survival (e.g., lacking shelter, food and clothing)		1
Lacking the resources to fully participate in social and recreational opportunities in the community		1
Lacking enough resources to be self-sufficient		1
I don't know		0
Other (please specify)		0

2. What do you think are the 3 most important actions City Council can take to help reduce poverty in London?

1. Find ways to provide free shelter to homeless people. 2. Provide the necessary medical & psychological help. 3. Give them job training, so that they have the skill to go out find jobs.

3. In your opinion, rate each of the following on their responsibility to reduce poverty. Please select one response for each item below.

	No Responsibility	Some Responsibility	A Lot of Responsibility	Don't Know
Charitable Organizations and Not-for-Profits	0	1	0	0
General Public NOT Living in Poverty	0	1	0	0
General Public Living in Poverty	0	1	0	0
Private Business	0	1	0	0
Municipal Government	0	0	1	0
Provincial Government	0	0	1	0

Federal Government

0	0	1	0
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4. Based on the review of the evidence, there are a number of different roles municipal government could play in poverty reduction. Read each of the statements below and state whether or not you think London City Council should play that role.

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Attractor of new businesses to the City of London, including tax incentives and programs and policies that support new business growth	1	0	0
Connector of organizations and partners from various sectors to work together on poverty reduction	1	0	0
Exemplary employer, including implementing employment practices that reduce poverty and providing a living wage to internal staff and outsourced services	1	0	0
Investor in community programs and processes that support poverty reduction	1	0	0
Leader and champion for community based poverty reduction initiatives, including raising community awareness about poverty and advocating to the federal and provincial levels of government	1	0	0
Provider of services that support local business development, job skills and training	1	0	0
Provider of social services that help reduce poverty, such as child care, social assistance, arts and recreation	1	0	0

5. Based on the review of the evidence, municipal governments across Canada are taking various steps to assist in poverty reduction including:

Affordable housing strategies which identify the ways in which the municipality will assist with housing affordability

Affordable transit programs and services to increase residents' ability to participate in employment, attend important medical and other appointments, and participate fully in community life

Affordable library services to support literacy, skill building and access to technology

Food policy councils to support a variety of community food initiatives and promote a healthy sustainable and accessible food system for all

Housing First Policy, an approach to ending homelessness that involves giving people direct access to permanent housing, along with the services they need and want to maintain it

Sports, recreation and other leisure activity access to promote inclusion and are associated with an enhanced quality of life through gaining new skills and improved physical and psychological well-being

Free income tax clinics to help residents access the tax credits available to them

a) If elected, would you support the implementation of any of the following public policies and programs in London? Please select one response for each item below.

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Affordable housing strategy	1	0	0
Affordable library services	1	0	0
Affordable transit programs and services	1	0	0
Food policy council	1	0	0
Housing First Policy	1	0	0
Discounted supplies for municipal recreation, arts and culture programs	1	0	0
Discounted registration/admission for municipal recreation, arts and culture programs	1	0	0
Free income tax clinics	1	0	0

b) Please list below any other public policies or programs related to poverty reduction that you would support in London.

I am very interested in housing first policy - If I am elected, that would be a program I would like to implement first. The reason is there better pride then having place that you call home.

6. London has an affordable housing reserve fund. The fund was developed to help create additional affordable housing units. How should the affordable housing reserve fund be used?

I have always said, the best way to add more affordable housing is to work with developers to allocate one or two units in all new build to be set aside for affordable housing. I also like to see City Of London buying schools that are closing and converting them affordable apartments. That's how I would like the affordable housing reserve fund be used.

7. Nutrition-related diseases (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers) cost London and Ontario millions of dollars annually. Low income residents can't afford to eat a healthy diet, once housing and other essential bills are paid. What do you think London City Council could do to increase access to and availability of healthy foods?

Here is a question, I have been pondering to come up with a answer and yet all I keep thinking is after providing free home, job training, medical, varies other things, where would City Of London find the money carry this healthy foods program. Has you know at the moment City Of London has a debt 360million dollars. I know everyone is looking at the city to fund all their needs and program. I would like the experts in this field to tell me how City Of London can implement this healthy food program. If I am elected, I look forward to talking to the experts on this program.

8. Children in low-income families have significantly more psychosocial difficulties than other children, including more mental and physical health problems, academic troubles and behavioural issues. Quality early childhood interventions have been shown to improve performance in school, lessen the learning risks associated with low income and enhance parents' childrearing and coping skills.

a) If elected, would you support the implementation of any of the following initiatives in London? Please select one response for each item below.

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Advocacy to the Provincial and Federal levels of government for the development of supportive public policy	1	0	0
Educating parents/caregivers about available subsidies and programs (e.g., tax benefits, Canada Learning Bond)	1	0	0
Financial assistance for child care	0	0	1
Funding of community programs and services that support early child development	1	0	0
Leading and/or participating in the development of a community plan for children and youth	0	0	1
Providing centralized intake to licensed child care	1	0	0

centres

b) Please list below any other initiatives related to poverty reduction that you would support the implementation of in London.

I would like to see children and youth that are having problems at school to be able to get psychological assessment done immediately, to be able to determine course of action to help children and youth with their school studies, so the kids don't get frustrated quit school. London doesn't drop out students, who then up in low paying jobs or worst life of crime.

9. Is there anything else that you would like to add? Please provide any additional comments, opinions or ideas that you would like to share.

You know homelessness and poverty is not something someone decides that's what they want out of life. People fall into poverty without choice and it is up to society and governments to help them out of that. I strongly feel that for every person we help, is a person we have given second chance in life. It is our sworn duty to help people that can't help themselves and truly believe that. If I am elected, I will work hard to find ways to element poverty and homelessness. In a civil society like ours, we should not have homelessness and poverty, specially when our government spends millions of dollars in element poverty in places around the world but when it comes to our own people, the government tends to stop a little short to help their own people. It's time we focused in our own backyard before helping the world. Let's help our own people first.