

Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury – Supporting a sustainable, healthy and vibrant community...

Michael Cullen Candidate for Ward 8 - Position Paper

Sustainable Transportation – A few years back I was involved in the Ride Share program through my work with volunteers and the school nutrition programs. I fully understand through our Volunteer Income Tax program the importance of a collective program to aid the service of public transportation. I would like to see a proper long term plan that would include road signage, widening plan for walking and biking purposes. This must be a serious budget consideration.

Water Quality - If we look at the previous spending of the Healthy Community Funds we have a very large discrepancy with spending on our local water. This must be reversed and set as a top priority. We actually have some real dollars for research and action.

Natural Environment - Over the next few weeks and months one of my top priorities is to take inventory of all green spaces within Ward 8, with the intention of promoting and hopefully enhancing each designated space for the greater good. **(This will be a top priority during my term as elected councillor)**

Local Food - From the very beginning I have been involved with Eat Local Sudbury. I personally founded and funded a non profit Savour Sudbury in an effort to promote sustainable local food programs through the local foodservice scene. I also have very close personal ties to the farming community west of Sudbury and volunteer for the community garden project in Ward 8. The food industry was my background prior to my current role as Executive Director of United Way.

Citizen Engagement – I like to think that with my work of a very large organization including multiple commitments on ad hoc and standing committees I have a true appreciation and understanding for volunteerism. I most recently wrote an article on community engagement for the Sudbury Star. I also volunteer regularly throughout our community. This will also be a top priority during my term as councillor to promote and foster a broader volunteer effort in Ward 8 and beyond and to represent the interests of the non profit/charity sectors.