

Opportunity to give credit where credit is due

(Re: Browne integral to Ribfest's success, August 12)

I would like to thank Mr. Thompson for noting the invaluable contribution Wendy Browne provides to Aurora Ribfest, and for addressing this significant oversight in The Auroran's August 6 Ribfest article.

I was pleased to credit Wendy's hard work, dedication and instrumental efforts, both through the Rotary Club of Aurora and, independently, during the Ribfest announcement.

While it is unfortunate this too was absent from the Ribfest article, I am glad to have the opportunity to set the record straight and give credit where it is due.

Puzzlingly, however, was Mr. Thompson's insinuation that I do not attend Ribfest and simply posed for a photo-op. I have been attending Ribfest for many years, and have attended the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each Ribfest since I was elected Mayor in 2010 ? an attendance well documented by The Auroran's excellent coverage of this annual event.

I enjoy Ribfest immensely and have been proud to support this fabulous event through my efforts on Council, my active participation and, yes, through photo-ops.

Town staff and volunteers like Wendy Browne do a great job making Ribfest a signature event for our community, and I am really looking forward to attending and promoting the 10th anniversary event this year. If you are attending, Mr. Thompson, perhaps our paths will cross and you can introduce yourself to me. You never know, we may even pose for a photo-op together.

Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Aurora

(Editor's note: the photo of Mayor Dawe and Ms. Browne appeared not in The Auroran's Ribfest article, rather in a montage of photos celebrating Aurora's Concerts in the Park series at which the Ribfest announcement was made)