

2022 Municipal Election Candidates Survey

Thank you for clarifying your perspective on sustainability topics with Kamloops voters! We look forward to publicly sharing the survey results.

Please note that all text answers have a limit of 250 characters.

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Candidate name *

Bill Sarai

1. Council approved funding for a 0.35% annual budget increase for the next ten years to help fund our commitments under the Community Climate Action Plan. Do you feel this funding level is (choose one): *

- ☐ Too high
- ☒ Appropriate
- ☐ Too low

Why?

As this is the rate we were comfortable with in 2022 to get the fund approved started, if we need to increase it at anytime moving forward in the next ten years. New council will have that ability.

2. What should be Council's single biggest priority for reducing local greenhouse gas emissions? *

Reducing what we as council have control over. Changing over our complete fleet of vehicles to non gasoline. Planting more trees throughout our city. Encouraging residents to walk , bike or take transit. Which should also be over to LNG by then.

3. What should be our priorities at the local level to increase our resilience to climate change impacts? *

Pro active mitigation to climate changing events, instead of reactive.

4. Among many competing priorities for the City's resources, how important is improving the City's active transportation infrastructure ? *

	1	2	3	4	
Low priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	High priority

Why?

Some of Our old roads throughout our city, are not made for multi use purposes. I will continue to support multi use paths that are separated from our road network. We must first make it safe & enjoyable for our residents.

5. Our population is growing. Do you believe that the City should consider imposing an urban growth boundary as [Kelowna](#) has done, to maximize growth within the existing development footprint? *

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Low priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	High priority

Why?

We need to push for higher density in our downtown & large lot neighborhoods. It is difficult to have an urban boundary like Kelowna—we are surrounded by mountains, rivers & rail lines. I will support building high density within our city core.

6. What do you think are the City's most effective tools for facilitating the development of more affordable housing in Kamloops? *

Changing our zoning bylaws as we are currently in the process of doing. Allow more 4-6 plexes and row and townhouses to be built in areas that have large lots with older smaller homes.
We should also support more carriage and lane houses.

7. How can the City ensure that future development maintains healthy urban ecosystems? *

The city staff with the assistance of provincial and federal authorities, be at the forefront of any future development proposal. To set forth the requirements that are needed to protect our ecosystem and do regular inspections moving forward.

8. Do you feel that the City should move toward offering recycling for businesses, not just residences? *

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Low priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	High priority

Why?

Businesses produce a high volume of recycling. The majority of it cardboard. The struggle we have is that there is currently no market that takes cardboard. We as a city with collaboration with TNRD and our neighboring communities find a solution.

9. What do you believe is the role of municipalities in strengthening local food systems? *

Support local from seed to table

10. What new actions, if any, do you feel the City should undertake to ensure the timely implementation of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's recommendations? *

I do not feel the city is in a position to bring in new actions on its own. We as mayor and council have a tremendous working relationship with chief & council at Tts. We just received a joint award for just that. I would continue down that path.

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