

# 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 \*

Daphane Nelson

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?

In my review of the CCAP, it would seem that in order to make actual change happen we are going to need more than \$444,000 annually in addition to CCAP projects already accounted for in the budget.

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

Transportation contributes the most to GHG; survey where people are driving, ask, whether they would consider taking one less trip a week. The City should be reducing its' reliance on gas; vehicles, equipment, machinery, carpooling for staff.

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

Food sovereignty, encourage purchasing local, have one place to buy all these things, divert from landfill including organics, create a local solution, 3 Rs more focus on Reducing (educate where consumption happens) and Reusing (more fix-it cafes).

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

Why?

Safety. People won't use paths where they risk their lives. We need to slow traffic on corridors where we haven't built separate bike and walking paths, and remind drivers that those pesky cyclists are actually humans with the same right to life.

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? \*

1                      2                      3                      4

Low priority                              High priority

Why?

Depending on where these boundaries are being considered, I can see this as being a viable option. I don't see a family of 5 being happy in a 3-bedroom apartment in a high rise in downtown, but I do see the urban sprawl as being an issue.

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

"Non-profit cooperative housing is a concept that is fairly unknown to communities within the BC interior yet could be a solution to housing affordability for the missing middle. Expedite development by pre-approving designs for carriage houses."

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

Education around what the local ecosystem is instead of our colonist approach to green grass lawns in this semi arid climate. We should see less need for pest control and maintenance because indigenous plants are more resilient and can thrive.

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

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

Why?

There should be recycle, compost, deposit and garbage bins wherever there are garbage bins: at home, businesses and in city facilities. I'm disgusted by the amount of paper and plastic cups I see in the garbage bins at our city facilities.

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

Not only does the City need to support the recommendations of food organizations, they also must take an active role in supporting and promoting these activities. Examples that come to mind including a Public Market, food processing facilities.

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? \*

Too late for 'timely' implementation of the 2015 Calls to Action, but with last year's finding of the lost children we must right past wrongs. Call to Action 92, equitable access to jobs and 79, inclusion of Indigenous heritage in Kamloops' heritage.

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