

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 *

Darrell LaRiviere

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?

There is so much more that needs to be done. A proper, reliable transit network (buses and bike paths), for example.

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

Densifying our city via transit oriented developments and infill housing. We must also improve our public transit so it is useable.

One day I envision Kamloops having public transit on par with Europe in terms of usability and reliability.

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

Requiring solar paneling and/or geothermal heating in new apartments and commercial constructions. This might also be required when upgrading heating systems and electrical.

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?

We must take radical action in protecting our environment. It's not enough to declare a climate emergency, we must also act on it.

One way of doing so is by promoting public transportation (by making it useable) and improving biking infrastructure.

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

Why?

It is a fantastic idea. We should make sure that all available developable land is used before expanding.

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

The City could build affordable housing. I will propose the City create a Kamloops Housing Company to build, buy, and maintain affordable housing in Kamloops. Such an idea has been done in Calgary and Tofino (and in other cities in North America).

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

Kamloops should only be planting native plants and using mulch to reduce water loss due to heat and watering at night.

I'd also like to see neighborhood playgrounds upgraded and/or converted to community gardens - everyone of them!

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?

Why not? It's common sense! Businesses generate an obscene amount of waste daily.

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

The City should be creating more community gardens using available space (in parks and playgrounds, for example).

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 don't know. I will support any good ideas generated by others.

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