

# 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.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 26

Candidate name \*

Katie Neustaeter

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?

We must approve appropriate funding to combat climate change while balancing competing priorities. Combined with increased efficiencies this is appropriate. Granting/partnerships for clean energy infrastructure are also possible.

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

Transportation efficiency/options. We're behind on active/shared transportation and must create more accessible and available options.

Improved transit system, bike lanes (and safety), connected walking paths, etc will also improve quality of life.

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

Seniors evac plans, seed libraries, neighbourhood exit routes, a task force.

Social infrastructure management. Strategies, partnerships, procedures mitigating confusion/trauma.

Communication; coordinated response to house/feed/resource people.

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?

It can't happen in isolation and so can't be the top priority. We need to build affordable/attainable housing, and active transportation should be folded and planned into all development. People are asking for this so it must be achieved.

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?

I said 3 because this seems like it could be an initiative that supports the fulfillment of other clear priorities, but truthfully I don't know enough about the impacts, data, or projected outcomes to take a position. I'd like to learn more.

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

Builders!

We must listen to the expertise of developers who've been telling us that arbitrary and blanket requirements, red tape, inefficient process, and unnecessary bureaucracy are barriers to building the affordable homes that we need.

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

Carefully. Stop saying a blanket "No" and ask, "How?"

"No neighbourhood can be exempt from change, but no neighbourhood should experience sudden, radical change" - Strong Towns.

Listen/consult/empower neighbourhoods when making necessary change.

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

Why?

Yes, if buy-in exists.

I'd need questions answered to understand local business perspectives.

I'm also a bit concerned about whether this is possible operationally when residential homes don't even currently have the ability to recycle glass.

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

To participate wherever possible/helpful. Local orgs are doing great work even as households are not getting enough to eat & costs continue to soar.

1/5 households experience food insecurity. We should welcome collaboration with community partners.

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? \*

As a non-Indigenous person, it's my place to listen, learn, and be willing.

Kamloops and Tk'emlups te Secwepemc's strong relationship can help us deconstruct colonial systems.

Learning should be promoted: sharing circles/partnerships encouraged.

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