

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 *

Mac Gordon

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?

Why are we satisfied with being followers when we have natural advantages surrounding us to be leaders, why not be BC's 1st net neutral city? Let's be bold, invest in ourselves to be first to market and others will follow by investing in our success.

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

We have advantages in renewal energy possibilities (abundance of annual sun & geothermal benefits from a flowing river) we should be taking advantage of these and creating our own community utility provider like New Westminster, Penticton and Nelson.

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

I've mentioned several green initiatives but I'd add improving dykes, increasing forest management of our interfaced neighbourhoods and develop detailed evacuation plans for neighbourhoods published before hand.

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

Why?

We gotta lotta needs, homeless/opioid problems, safety/crime, increasing recreation facilities, among many other, I put taking bold steps in taking the lead in renewables as paramount. Active transport is important but it's not dire at this point.

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

Why?

Yes, but our future lies westward. Building toward the lake grows our footprint, but provides energy benefits, better weather, flat land, better battery life in EVs, encourages cycling & other forms of travel eg golf carts, + tourism opportunities.

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

Smaller lots & footage requirements, along reducing parking spaces in certain neighbourhoods. Far greater use of mixed & multiplex buildings along with partnerships in co-op housing. We would be well served by densifying the DT core as well.

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

We need more tree platting & do a much better job on protecting the tree canopy. Cracking down on those who cut trees from city land for better views. City flat roofed buildings should either have solar panels or be a living roof & more bees please.

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?

If we as a society believe that recycling provides a net benefit to our society then why wouldn't we want to be all in? What are the advantages of half measures in this instance, let's stop being followers and start taking the lead.

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

City hall must be at the table assisting in all areas, from devoting more park land for community gardens including food bank gardens & plating of fruit trees in public spaces, also use of municipal resources, infrastructure & increased grant money.

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 teacher I have a natural bias, I don't believe the city has the knowledge or where with all to lead on this issue. We should follow and support the school district including taking their recommendations on how to better educate the citizenry.

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