

# 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 \*

Nancy Bepple

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?

The largest long term threat to Kamloops is the climate change. The Climate Action Plan is a way to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions, while at the same time mitigating the risks of whatever pending climate change there is.

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

Transportation is the largest single source of GG. Alternative transportation to vehicles and more housing at the core could help lessen this source.

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

Fires, flood and heat domes are all risk. Updating dikes, urban/forest boundaries, and refuges from heat can help. We may face less water from the river in future as well, so water conservation strategies would help. Finally, shade trees help.

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?

1. Livability - being able to get around without a car is a good option. 2. Health - people who use active trans are generally fitter. 3. Justice - 25% of people in Kamloops don't have a driver's license: they need to get around the city too.

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?

When cities spread out the cost of maintaining the infrastructure goes up exponentially. It costs more for garbage, water, sewer and road clearing. Densifying the core, more subdivisions of lots, small lots all allow ample room to grow within the current boundaries. Finally, farm land and nature is lost as we spread.

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

Zoning. The City of Edmonton is one of the most affordable places in North America to live. It attained it by giving more options for housing to be built, reducing minimum parking requirements and other strategies to reduce the cost per lot to build

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

The wetland up near Dufferin Elementary is a good example of what the City can do. For individuals, it is finding small ways people can make a difference such as encouraging permeable hard surfaces on driveways to lessen major water runoff events.

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

1                      2                      3                      4

Low priority                                                                                                              High priority

Why?

Currently the City does not offer waste services to all business. I would be in favor of a study first (that is how recycling for multifamilies was introduced). It might be that organic waste is a bigger issue than recycling.

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

46 per cent of the City's land is within the Agricultural Land Reserve. A priority for me is to ensure those lands stay within the ALR: viable agriculture means more food productions.

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? \*

Retelling of history for a First Nations perspective could help. Often only Settler history is told. e.g. the Schubert statue in front of City Hall lauds the arrival of the Overlanders. No mention is made of the small pox epidemic that followed.

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