

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 *

Stephen Karpuk

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?

This really should be provincially and federally funded as it is largely their jurisdiction for governance. We need to find partnerships and develop a sustainable business model that reduces the dependance on government to function.

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

Provide safe, healthy alternative commuting options. Finish the Rivers trail throughout all parts of Kamloops and increase the transit frequencies through nodes and hubs. Develop and protect more greenspaces to help offset the current carbon levels.

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

Look for better ways to increase our greenspaces, finish our diking thereby allowing us to get our Rivers Trail, find more community garden space, use more edible trees in our permaculture planting (walnuts, halzelnuts, chestnuts, etc). Build better

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?

It takes 1.5 hours to get from my home in Brocklehurst to my Aberdeen office. I can ride it in 45 minutes on a non-ebike and 15 minutes to drive. We need Transit to be as convenient as driving a car to reduce that choice. Use more Transit hubs.

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?

Urban sprawl is not sustainable nor is it smart. Pumping water from River Street to upper Aberdeen or out to the far reaches of Barnhartvale, Dallas, and Westsyde makes no sense. Proper densification by design makes more sense and is more sustainable ecologically and financially.

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

Expedite existing home renos, lane way and carriage homes, more multi-family construction projects. Housing is something we have the most control over. We need to get TRU to build more on campus dorms like UBC. More Housing co-ops could help too.

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

By designing and implementing plans and policies that reflect that desire for healthy urban ecosystems. Tree conservation policies, design connectivity of greenspaces and non-combustion engine commuting networks through these greenspaces.

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?

My business recycles and has the ability to do so. What I can't recycle at my office blue bin, I recycle at a local recycling facility every other week. My biggest interest is in composting from businesses and finding programs that will work.

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

I think we should. As an avid gardener, I know the value of food security. I have some plans that could dramatically increase the amount of our local and regional food security. Great opportunity for us to partner with SD73 & our local community.

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? *

Everyone, not just the city needs to read the TRC recommendations and then agree to work together with those affected to building a future together. I have learned a lot. The journey with our indigenous friends is far from being finished.

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