

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 *

Taj Sandur

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?

I am unfamiliar with the current budget but accounting for inflation & densification requiring added services needed as we infill, will demonstrate that additional funding will be required. It's also likely that a straight-line model won't suffice.

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

Revamping the transit system to be more utilizable by the general public so that everyday people want to use the system, not just individuals who essentially have no other options for transportation.

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

We would have to identify in which areas we're the most exposed and adapt to either transfer, mitigate, or simply accept that risk of climate impact. I am not well versed in the cities current climate initiative but I know it can always improve.

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?

The societal issues regarding homelessness/drug use/crime are at the forefront of everyone's minds this election, but secondly is housing. Densification will absolutely require more infrastructure and support for the transit system.

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? *

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

Why?

We don't have much space to expand in the first place but it's high time we embrace our status as a city and start building like it. Multi-Fam projects will be the norm and I'm quite upset we haven't been densifying much to this point.

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

Streamlining the process, pre-zoning areas for redevelopment, and encouraging multiple units per project. As you add more doors per sq/ft of land, the cost becomes cheaper and allows people to actually consider buying instead of renting.

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

I think we have to place high value on the benefits as we develop, whether social, environmental, or economic. It's a functional part of becoming a larger urban city so we should support biodiversity and economic development as we grow.

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

Why?

Yes, as businesses can consume more and create more waste than the citizens. It will be tough to add more work to businesses that are already facing a labor shortage so there will be backlash and it will not be easily accepted but it's worthwhile.

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

Truthfully, I haven't looked into how to achieve this. It would be a great opportunity for me to listen and learn how Kamloops can create high functioning local food systems. I'm eager to learn, especially if it's for the betterment of our city.

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? *

We need to discuss with the leaders of TteS what calls to action local First Nations people prioritize & start working to achieve & implement them. The commission's recommendations are a starting point but we have to listen to TteS and work with them

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