

2022 Mayor/Council Candidate Questionnaire - Glendon Charles Smedley Response

1. Should all sectors have affordable housing and permanent rental stock, or should one or two sectors be

designated for rentals and designed for low income no income people?

All sectors should have affordable housing and permanent rental stock. What will make a city work to not be segregated but united.

Fruitful and United

Building Hope, Dignity, Respect and a safe place for the community.

2. Should all neighborhoods have small complex care housing as has been suggested by research?

Yes

3. One of our members was advised that in March 2023, the Ministry of Social Development & Social Innovation

office will be moving from Dilworth Drive to the old CIBC building across from the Petro Canada on the corner of

Dougall Road South and Highway 33. This has sparked concerns that community safety will be put further at risk

as the population of repeat offenders and transients will increase even further and we have already seen a large

increase over the last year. What actions would you take to ensure that residents are informed of matters that

affect community safety in the area?

Information sessions gatherings to educate people and help build a community around this community, united and supporting each other. Connecting all of this to a future community farm.

4. Neighborhood Associations previously had access to speak at City Council meetings open to the public on any

matters affecting residents living within their boundaries. Recent changes to City policies severely limited the

ability of Neighborhood Associations to bring forward their concerns and discuss these at Council meetings. What

would you do to ensure that Neighborhood Associations are included in decisions being made at the municipal

level?

Zoom meetings with each neighbourhood Association. Groups of people meet regularly in different areas of the city and listen/interact with decisions made at the municipal level.

5. We constantly hear that 'community safety is everyone's responsibility'. Do you think that this has contributed to a

level of vigilantism within the community?

I will have to research this further

6. What would you like to see municipal, provincial, and federal governments do in terms of addressing safety

concerns in our community (as well as others)?

Forming groups to discover the needs in each community area. Through Neighbourhood task groups

7. Do you support replacing the current Kelowna Theatre and what priority does this project have to you?

No, low priority, only maintenance upkeep.

8. What is one specific process or decision of the last council that you disagreed with, and what specifically would

you have done differently on this file?

September 20 Council meeting about a night club being built holding over 680 people and not enough Fire exits. I would have it rejected until a proper number of fire exits were designed into it.

9. What are your 3 main reasons for running for Mayor or Council?

Homelessness, washroom facilities the building heights and safety of citizens, transportation.

10. Do you believe that residents associations should play a bigger role development and planning within their areas,

should their voices be given more value?

Yes

11. URBA and possibly the Downtown Kelowna Association receive funding from the City and are often called on to

speak as stakeholders for an area. Do you feel that Neighborhood/Sector Residents Associations should have a

valued voice equal to the business association voice?

Yes, at least once a month

12. The residents' associations would not want to be paid for by the city because their voices need to be kept

separate and responsive to residents' but do you feel small grants from the City could be allotted to keep the

voices of citizens in neighborhoods heard?

Has to be a lot of volunteering, has to come from the ♥ for the citizens to be fruitful and United.

13. If elected, how would you work to have resident's associations voices involved at the beginning of planning and

development in their areas rather than an after thought when the planning is already well on its way to being

completed?

Have the first meeting at metro church and create satellite meetings from the first meeting interconnected via a zoom call for each satellite location.

14. If elected, would you look at why so many variances are made after the initial development approval where

neighbors have some input? Variance which can change the whole character of the initial proposal are approved

without further resident/neighbor input. For example: Neptune/Mercury Road was to have a development of

townhouses to be owned by purchasers which close neighbors agreed with so didn't present anything to Council.

After approval the developer changed this to be a rental development where tenants do not own the property and

possibly will not have the same initiative to look after the property.

Yes will look into this one to why developer changed

15. If you are elected, how would you address that development permits which include zoning changes are then

allowed to sit idle sometimes for years until the property is sold, based on that change to zoning, with a totally

different developer/development than what caused a zoning change?

Yes will look at this

16. If Kelowna does not build for 40,000 people who want to come here by

2040 what do you think those people will

do? Move to a different city? Become homeless?

It is not that easy to determine what a person will do. It all has to do with a person's freedom of choice. To have an open and transparent planning department would help answer some of these questions of the movement of people into the Kelowna area.

17. How would Kelowna be run differently and look if we were not focused on building for the multitude of people who

want to move here, and instead built well planned affordable housing and neighborhoods for those who are

already here?

Having satellite facilities to communicate and connect with the community involves more people in the planning process. Opening up and learning about each other to build: Hope, Dignity, Respect and a safe place for the community.

18. What do you think Kelowna would be like if we planned affordable neighborhoods with as much care as we plan

our more expensive neighborhoods?

We would have a more caring community which is fruitful and united

19. Our latest OCO (2040) has increased the heights for many areas, but developers still want to build higher. What

do you believe is important for assessing increased building heights? Should residents in an area be given a

chance to speak to major variance changes when they are presented to Council?

The fire department should have a say in the heights of buildings. Does the fire department feel they are ready to rescue people from a building higher than 12 floors? Does the fire department have the proper equipment & training?

20. If elected, do you plan to bring more and diverse industry or manufacturing to our area where citizens can learn

and progress from a ground level job to a well-paying job through education and work experience? (At this point,

many of the people working in the service industry and at ground level jobs may have to work 3 jobs to even

survive and there is no real opportunity to advance in those jobs.)

It would a good plan to bring a manufacturing plant to bring stability to the community.

21. If you witnessed an incident of bullying, intimidation, or discrimination against another Council member, would you

be willing to act as witness for that Council member?

Yes