**The following questions/issues are to be used as a guide to assist with your getting to know the Candidates. You are not limited to below, please feel free to ask your own questions. Thank you for attending the 2014 Rutland All Candidates Forum.**

* **What experience do you have to successfully execute the responsibilities of Mayor / Councilor / Trustee?**
* **Rails and Trails – Do you think Rutland has adequate trails and pathways. How will the Cities Rails and Trails tie into Rutland? http://www.kelowna.ca/CM/Page4146.aspx**
* **Would you support the development of a Trail from Mill Creek to Mission Creek, (walking path -cycling path), Rutland Citizens have expressed that a pedestrian friendly community is a core value.** [**http://www.kelowna.ca/CM/Page3884.aspx**](http://www.kelowna.ca/CM/Page3884.aspx)
* **Unsightly Lots & Premises, i.e. Corner of Hwy 33 and Rutland Rd.**
* **Water frontage on Okanagan Lake, do you support establishing a setback of development to maintain public access to water frontage?**
* **Housing upkeep & standards, empty lots not mowed or taken care of.**
* **What is your position on improving the Aesthetics of the Downtown Core area of Rutland?**
* **Would you continue to support Our Rutland Project, (A Public Market Space was most requested by Rutland in a recent survey)** [**http://www.kelowna.ca/CM/Page4594.aspx**](http://www.kelowna.ca/CM/Page4594.aspx)
* **Would you support Rutland getting an all season soccer field with lighting?**
* **Sidewalks, lack of sidewalks, in the Rutland area.**
* **Condition of Asphalt roads in residential areas, would you support resurfacing of degraded roads.**
* **Rutland Identity, Identity often comes from environment, Rutland does not have a focal point that citizens desire to gather at, a focal point that gives the citizens a source of pride/identity in their community http://rutlandra.com/2013/07/02/what-is-rutland-group-meets-to-discuss-the-identity-of-rutland-the-heartland-of-the-valley/**
* **Bikeways and walkways, power poles in middle of sidewalk.**
* **Unsightly bus stops (corner of Hwy 33 and Rutland road)**
* **Ben Lee Skateboard Park, one of the most heavily utilized recreational areas in our city, but it is cracking and in need of repair, out of date, should it be rebuilt? How should it be enhanced?**
* **Making Highway 33 more pleasant to look at – Greening up sidewalks, making median more attractive i.e. Bousherie Rd has artificial grass on the median.**
* **Bylaw and policing, shutting down drug houses,**
* **Rutland Transit Exchange, security, loitering.**
* **Traffic cross walks @ Davie and Hwy 33, McIntosh and Mugford Road**
* **Revisit Grant program for homeowners on septic to go to city sewer system**
* **Development Community gardens, ornamental gardens, in Rutland**
* **Asher Road, sidewalks, upgrade to enrich the retail experience**
* **CN Railway Deal; The development of the Railway into a multimodal recreation corridor. Okanogan Rail Trail Initiative –linking Okanogan with a cycling/hiking pathway – how would Rutland connect to it if accomplished.**
* **How would you promote independent businesses?**
* **How would you work towards the Community Beautification of the Rutland Area – how would you develop long term strategy to its Beautification. See the Rutland Vision Report by scrolling down to it in the following link** [**http://rutlandra.com/2013/06/21/rutlands-unified-voice-and-rutlands-identiy-rise/**](http://rutlandra.com/2013/06/21/rutlands-unified-voice-and-rutlands-identiy-rise/)
* **Do you support the city expenditure of $ 400,000 this fiscal period to improve the Centennial park?**
* **Do you support the expenditure of funds in the next fiscal year and the year after that, if needed, to bring the Centennial Park renovations to the proposed plan as outlined in Option 2 in the agreement with the with the Park Society?**
* **Do you support the promotion and development of the Rutland Community Market?**
* **What further recreational improvements could be made to our community?**

**For Trustees**

* **How do you feel about personalized learning in the classroom?**
* **Education; How do you feel about the costs of the appeals (for the withdrawn contract for class size and composition) by the Provincial Govt?**
* **Standardized testing, do you believe the results are representative of the true success of the teachers/school? Do you think it bias areas of different soicio-economic status? Does the results of the testing affect the moral of those tested?**
* **How does the school provide for special needs and gifted children with the current budget?**
* **Rutland Middle School, 2 bathrooms 500 students, 50 yrs old, what priority do you give the Rutland Middle School Rebuild?**

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