

1. What are your three main reasons for running for Mayor or Council?

I know I can make a real difference on Affordability, Quality of Life, and Public Safety issues.

Affordability:

- Ensuring opportunity for new homes across the housing spectrum, from small-lot starter home single family, to attached "streetcar suburb" townhomes, to apartments, while targeting a >5% or greater vacancy rate. The cost of new housing, both to own and to rent, has simply increased far faster than local incomes, and we need to work to combat this kind of inflation that is driving so many families to the financial brink.
- Support dry non-market housing through land-trust partnerships for secured affordable co-op housing. Oppose any forms of wet below-market housing that will affect neighbourhood safety.
- Directly lowering the cost of new housing through advocacy on provincial reforms to allow utility bonding of water, sewer and other infrastructure.
- Rapid Transit corridor planning along Highway 97 and Richter.
- Zoning reforms to improve access to childcare
- A neighborhood village OCP model to re-legalize various daytime home-based businesses, corner stores, and independent cafes in more areas. This includes mixed-use zoning reform and greater housing options through property rights for our residents
- Invite job-creation by improving our regulatory and permitting competitiveness. Expand commercial lands at the Airport for more good-paying jobs, improve access to affordable small business spaces through mixed-use live-work planning.

Quality of Life:

- Protect and increase Kelowna's urban tree canopy by fully implementing the urban forest strategy and 3-30-300 urban tree canopy practices.
- Advocacy to fix the Top 20 crash zones first. ICBC has statistics that identify the 20 most accident-prone locations, yet few improvements have been made, including by lobbying the Province to fix dangerous intersections along 97. We should make our roads more safe and efficient.
- Highway 97: Advocate for Provincial infrastructure upgrades to reduce congestion & car crashes by shifting curb cuts to side streets, closing off access points, and removing non-signal lefts.
- Bus pullouts installed on all frequent transit routes when roads are repaved.
- Refocus capital investment into complete streets and efficient intersections depending on the local context. Roundabouts, sidewalks and street trees should be priorities.
- Improving safety and cleanliness in all urban centers by redirecting parking meter revenue towards security and on-call teams through "parking benefit districts".

Public Safety:

- I will support advocacy for treatment facilities and recovery housing, along with compassionate mandatory care in appropriate circumstances, as supported by local leaders up and down the Okanagan valley.

- Continued support for the Kelowna Integrated Court.
- Budget allocation for dedicated foot patrols downtown, in Rutland and the Capri areas, via a combination of Bylaw and Business Association teams.
- I will work with a council majority to curtail the continued dispersal of overnight sheltering outside of the legal designated location.
- Advocacy for bail and sentencing reform for repeat violent offenders and property crime.
- Call for the increased hiring of crown prosecutors to reduce wait times in our judicial system.

2. Are you in favour of limiting the number of years an individual can sit as Mayor or as a City Councillor?

Council does not have the power to require this, however, I have committed myself to a maximum of two terms if elected.

3. Should major city projects be done using a public/private contracting?

No. As someone who does Procurement for a living, I am very suspicious of P3s.

4. Are there too many staff at City Hall? Are there too many upper level managers and directors at City Hall which taxpayers have to fund?

The [financial responsibility](#) section of my website talks about how I would like to reform the City of Kelowna's budgeting process to improve value for taxpayers.

5. Should Taxpayers have more say in the development of their neighbourhoods? Has the current development process gone to far in eliminating resident's voices and concerns about developments in their neighbourhoods?

As the former Vice Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee for the RDCO, I am very interested in statistically significant feedback mechanisms so that residents are heard. The [Public Voice](#) section on my website talks about what I support to improve communications between residents and City Hall.

My priorities will always favour individual property rights and market mechanisms that will improve private competition and housing affordability for our residents, inside the guardrails that protect our urban tree canopy and prevent street parking from being clogged by long-term residential use instead of being used as visitor parking.

6. Many people are disillusioned and have lost pride in our community with the current state of street dysfunction and open drug use seen in many areas of our city. What are mayoral and council candidates prepared to do about visible drug use, comatose substance users, increased crime rates, feelings of lack of personal safety especially around low-barrier and transitional housing as well as in our public parks? How do

you, the candidate, propose to mitigate the negative affects in neighbourhoods where there is daily dysfunction? This is not just a Downtown problem or a business person's problem. How will you restore our resident's feelings of personal safety, enjoyment of life in their homes and neighbourhoods, and renew resident's pride in our city?

The current situation is completely unacceptable to me. I'm proud of our community, but that is why we need to do much better on these issues, particularly in Rutland and Capri, not only downtown. Let's be clear that Council does not control bail or sentencing reform, or fund treatment facilities, but I have outlined in my platform how we need to expand cleanup teams without impacting property taxes through funding mechanisms like Parking Benefit Districts. The lobbying on stopping outdoor drug use on our sidewalks and in our parks, along with prevention of outdoor sheltering in Rutland Lions and along the upper rail trail, must be redoubled.

7. Are you in favour of the increasing elimination of single family dwellings in previously single detached housing neighbourhoods?

I am in favour of individual buyers and sellers choosing a home that is right for them. I grew up in a single family home.

I am not in favour of street parking being used for long-term parking, or in favour of development patterns that reduce our urban tree canopy.

8. Do developers get too many breaks at the expense of tax payers?

I am in favour of a rules-based zoning bylaw, where the city sets clear criteria and new development follows that criteria. I am also in favour of incentives that promote long-term tenancy stability for renters, and investments in making Kelowna more affordable in the long term.

9. Should infrastructure be a priority pre-development instead constantly tearing up streets and playing catch up, which seems the current protocol, considering the amount of growth that is expected in the future?

Yes.

10. The 15 minute walkable urban planning concept works well in communities which have enough employment within that community. There are many neighbourhoods in Kelowna which do not have an abundance of employment opportunities in the 15 minute bubble so workers have to travel a distance to be gainfully employed. These same workers require vehicles to travel to work with equipment and/or supplies.

Would you prioritize making our neighbourhoods livable and enjoyable rather than

building to an ideal that forces a 15 minute walkable bubble on communities?

Would you increase the amount of vehicle parking required per development back to what it was several years ago? Should green space be essential within a development's foot print rather than a 15 minute walk?

I am not in favour of any kind of forced walkable bubble. Mixed-use urban planning, to me, is about more choices both near and far, not taking away any choices or options. People will always be able to drive where they want to go. Green space planning is an important part of that, both for urban tree canopy and making sure residents have access to park spaces. My [Parks and Public Spaces](#) and [Environment and Urban Forestry](#) pages go into more detail on these topics.

11. Should the city prioritize the purchase of new park land available to all citizens, and in so doing protect vulnerable green space from being paved over and developed? Should land which is currently city owned be prioritized for green space instead of being sold to Developers?

Yes. I would not support selling off parkland for development.

12. Do you believe that all Cultural infrastructure should only be in the downtown core instead of shared throughout the city. Are you prepared to change the bylaws that restrict Cultural development to ONLY downtown?

If a private company wants to build a theatre or another performance venue or art venue in any town centre, I would be very supportive. I am not aware of the Cultural District being a bylaw that restricts investment elsewhere. City investment should go near existing transportation amenities like bus exchanges and parkades.

13. As things are developing more in the Pandosy–Lakeshore area, parking lots are being turned into housing developments and parking is harder to find. Residents who do not live within a few blocks of Okanagan Lake can not easily enjoy their own beaches because of lack of parking. Yet these beaches are readily available to tourists and those who can afford to live within walking distance of the lake. Should more parking be made available so all residents of Kelowna are able enjoy the Okanagan Lake shoreline and beaches?

We need to improving our parking supply management so that all residents can access our shoreline and beaches.

14. What are your thoughts regarding Resident Associations and Affiliate Agreements? Do you think Resident Associations should be restricted from speaking against City decisions / plans which may adversely affect a Neighbourhood?

No, resident associations should not be restricted from speaking up.

15. What efforts will you make to include all Resident Associations in any consultation process where it relates to matters affecting the health, safety and well-being of residents within their boundaries?

I am a supporter of electoral reform, and hope to work with Rutland-area councillors on making our city a better place to live. I am in favour of statistically significant feedback processes that can hold councillors accountable to residents and voters. Further details: <https://www.kyleforkelowna.ca/public-voice.html>

Thanks,

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