

2026 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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

My three main reasons for running for council are:

1. To bring a level of pragmatism and a solutions-focused point of view that's become instilled in me with 24 years of private sector work & business. We need a well-rounded council that has representation with somebody well versed in the business world that understands costs, construction, markets and logistics. I have a strong background in all these areas and I manage relationships and coordinate complex projects daily. I want to use these experiences to assist the city I've called home for the last 40+ years. Furthermore, my extended family has a farming background so I can provide value and sympathy there too.
2. The form & character of our city is important to me, and I think we should be looking at some developments with a more critical eye because these projects will form the aesthetics of our city forever.
3. I'm a fierce supporter of supporting local. We need to be providing every opportunity to our local workers and vendors to thrive in our city. With unemployment and costs where they're at, prioritizing local will help our residents get ahead and make ends meet.

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

3. Should major city projects be done using a public/private contracting? **Yes, if it makes sense. There are many opportunities for public/private partnerships in many areas including safety, recreation and infrastructure.**

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? **Efficiency is key. If work can be streamlined, I support it and it helps save tax dollars.**

5. Should Taxpayers have more say in the development of their neighbourhoods? Has the current development process gone too far in eliminating resident's voices and concerns about developments in their neighbourhoods? **Yes, taxpayers should have more say in developments in their neighbourhoods. The current process has left behind some voices. Part of the reason is provincial legislation but there are ways we can mitigate that at the city level to help gain some voices back.**

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? **A couple elements that will help with this is relocating the services and outreach programs currently on our Rail Trail. We need to consult with higher levels of government and the private sector to find a more suitable location. Furthermore, we should be engaging prosecutors and implement more parole and probation conditions limiting repeat offenders from entering the areas that they're committing crimes in. In theory, these two items will help move repeat offenders out of certain areas and to a different location other than our Rail Trail.**

7. Are you in favour of the increasing elimination of single family dwellings in previously single detached housing neighbourhoods? **No. There is still a large appetite for single family homes, and the elimination of these properties is part of the reason prices have increased so much. We need new inventory of single family land.**

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

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? **Absolutely. We need infrastructure that keeps up and it should be considered at the planning stage and worked into the development proposals.**

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? **Yes I would focus more on livable, enjoyable communities. The 15 minute plan is not practical or realistic.**
- Would you increase the amount of vehicle parking required per development back to what it was several years ago? **I would look into this. We certainly have a parking shortage.**
- Should green space be essential within a development's foot print rather than a 15 minute walk? **Yes, agreed.**

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? **It depends on the land, location and need. Each case is unique. We need development to continue building up and revitalizing our city but also need parks and rec. land to enrich out citizens' quality of life. It's part of what makes Kelowna so charming.**

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? **Cultural infrastructure does not need to be restricted to the downtown core provided that it makes practical sense wherever it's being proposed.**

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 cannot 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? **Yes. We absolutely need more parking and there are ways to obtain it.**

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? **Resident Associations are a good way to help share the voice of different neighborhoods. It's an efficient way for each individual area to communicate their needs and concerns. No, resident associations should**

not be restricted from speaking against the City. They're the voice of a neighborhood and the dialogue is necessary, helpful and more efficient than individual conversations.

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? [Be transparent and encourage dialogue.](#) Ultimately, we are all Kelowna citizens so constructive dialogue with our neighbors about things like health, safety and well-being is important and informative.