

2026 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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

Ans: I have been on council since 2011. In the past 15 years I am proud to say I have been part of contributing to many positive changes. Along with the team I have been pushing for a Mandatory Care facility, top notch recreational facilities across the city, and building a city with diverse housing including trying to get more affordable-attainable housing projects to market.

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

Ans: long as a person is making a difference there shouldn't be a limit. After all, in a democratic society the public will determine who they want or don't want on council.

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

Ans: Yes but I believe the public/private partnership should clearly be only for public benefit. Such a partnership helps getting projects done without increase in taxes.

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?

Ans: It takes a large staff to run a city the size of Kelowna. If elected I would consider having an audit done to see if Kelowna has too many staff members and upper level managers.

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?

Ans: Yes the process can be more inclusive and engaging.

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?

Ans: This is a national problem. Unfortunately in Kelowna it has become a municipal responsibility. That has effected our taxation. This year 1% of tax revenue went to deal with crime and safety. We simply have to find a path forward. One of the first things is to have a mandatory care facility in our region. Though that is in the works, we need to keep pushing forward. Secondly we need to keep leaning on higher levels of government to tighten bail reform and appoint more crown prosecutors. Also I believe if BC housing builds a facility in a neighbourhood they must absolutely have 24 hour security outside the building to ensure the nearby residents are not affected. Any development that occurs should be in areas that does not upset the peace and calm of the neighbourhood. Any services

for homeless need to be in areas that are zoned industrial and not close to homes, schools or parks. We need to give our citizens a sense of pride and safety in their city.

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

No, however I would like to see a diversity in housing options.

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

No. But at the same time we need to negotiate for public benefits when developments are approved.

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?

Yes

- Would you increase the amount of vehicle parking required per development back to what it was several years ago?

Yes

- Should green space be essential within a development's foot print rather than a 15 minute walk?

Yes absolutely

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

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?

Yes

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 to enjoy the Okanagan Lake shoreline and beaches?

Yes

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?

Yes that is what democracy is all about.

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 have and will continue to meet with representatives of residents association. Any changes they request I will certainly take it forward. When it comes to health, safety and wellbeing of a community that feels impacted I will champion their issues to give them comfort and security in the community they live in.