

Mayor and Councillor Candidate Questionnaire

This questionnaire is prepared on behalf of 2SLGBTQ+ voters in Kelowna based on community input regarding issues that are important to them regarding the October 2022 election. All candidates for mayor and council are invited to complete the questionnaire. Results will be published on Advocacy Canada's website as well as on social media. In the spirit of transparency, results will include a mention of any candidates who do not complete the questionnaire.

The deadline for completion is September 30, 2022. Thank you in advance for your response.

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What do you believe are the most critical issues for the local 2SLGBTQ+ community? If elected, ★ how would you work with the local community to address these issues?

Housing. According to homelessshub, <https://www.homelessshub.ca/povertyhub/diversity/LGBTQ>, Studies suggest that Canadian LGBTQ+ youth are over-represented in poverty statistics, with Between 25 and 40 per cent of homeless youth identifying as LGBTQ+. Studies suggest that this is due to rejection from family members during the coming out process. Barriers in housing and education also prevent LGBTQ+ youth from accessing services and support. Services with a "one size fits all" approach to poverty can also contribute to LGBTQ+ members falling through cracks in services, making it important for services to understand the unique needs of the community.

2SLGBTQ+ are more likely to be kicked out by their parents, face discrimination from landlords, and have a harder time finding accepting roommates. This has effects in secondary spheres like dating, as social norms of bringing a 2SLGBTQ+ partner home can be very different in shared accommodations due to structural, unconscious, or conscious biases in society. It is important to have an adequate supply of rental housing for all, including 2SLGBTQ+ members of society, so that people can have the safety, structure, and security of a home of their own.

I have promised structural reform of zoning, unfunded mandates, and affordable housing land acquisition in an effort to make Kelowna more affordable on the supply side of housing. I also support demand measures like taking on vacant homes and tightening / enforcing rules on short term rentals. I also have advocated for the inclusion of 2SLGBTQ+, Disability, and Visible Minority roundtables with community leaders and members of city council. We can directly address concerns and listen by having structured person-to-person feedback between councilors who will act as allies and interested community members

Homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia are still prevalent in Kelowna, resulting in significant socio-economic disparities within 2SLGBTQ+ communities. If elected, how will you combat homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia? ★

Yes they are. I can do my part by continuing to be an ally while constantly meeting with members of the 2SLGBTQ+ and asking what I can do for you. I also look to empower voices and leaders like Loyal Wooldridge, who I have endorsed for city council. In my free time, I have marched in pride parades during university and joined inclusive clubs like the Sing Your Joy chorus in Victoria, and I would like to continue to have active involvement by volunteering at 2SLGBTQ+ led events such as those led by the Kelowna Pride Society. I support pride declarations any policy measures to declare Kelowna a welcoming place, but we cannot only rely on symbols. Wilbur Turner and I follow each other on Twitter - I would be happy to have a conversation on what other tangible things need to be done for Kelowna to be a more inclusive, safe, and welcoming community for all.

Have you ever participated in 2SLGBTQ+ cultural competency or equivalent training? *

Yes, through my employer PSPC Canada.

If elected, how would you address the ongoing issues of homelessness and mental health, especially as they disproportionately affect members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community? *

Fund Land Acquisition: Increase the affordable housing land acquisition for BC Housing & Community projects

Cross-Subsidized Housing:

Remove barriers & costs for non-profit homebuilders who make income-g geared affordable housing for seniors and low-income earners. You should be able to build much more housing on the sale lot if 30% of units are income-g geared affordable housing. I support up 6 story Social Housing (Vancouver definition, 30% of units are affordable) by-right within the PGB in Kelowna to allow more non-profit housing to be built on an affordable basis, with DCC waivers.

Approve BC Housing & Non-Profit Projects: Support a variety of affordable housing resources to decrease homelessness in Kelowna.

If elected, how would you address issues impacting 2SLGBTQ+ seniors, particularly with regard to affordable housing? *

Accessible Housing: Require a certain number of fully wheelchair-accessible (senior / mobility) units in condos.

Accessible Parking: Require an increased % of street parking to be dedicated to wheelchair / mobility stalls

End Exclusionary Zoning: Legalize a full range of suburban missing-middle multifamily housing options so that seniors can choose to age in place and middle-class families can afford to raise their kids in starter homes.

Transit-Oriented Development: Legalize mass-timber mid-rises around frequent transit corridors to reduce traffic.

Bylaw Reform: Lower costs for first-time homebuyers and renters while repealing unfunded mandates and fees like Section 8 of the zoning bylaw

Mixed-Use Neighborhoods: Keep seniors connected to services by zoning for 15-minute connected communities. Also invest in better public transit for those who don't own cars or who cannot drive.

Invest into higher frequency transit and extended operating hours to allow service workers to rely on transit
Redesign routes to increase the speed and efficiency of the bus system

Implement all-door electronic boarding

Implement signal priority at all intersections for on-schedule & faster bus service

Implement peak-hour bus rapid transit principles along known traffic chokepoints

Do you agree with the statement that "trans rights are human rights, and must be protected as such?" *

☒ Yes

☐ No

If elected, would you support funding for 2SLGBTQ+ community and social services? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

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