

McCauley Survey - Candidate details

Candidate name: As it should appear in the election guide.

- Gord Lovegrove

Campaign contact email (private): Used to verify this response and follow up. Not published or subscribed to marketing.

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Brief profile questions

1. Which office are you seeking, and where can voters find your campaign and public contact details?

Office and campaign links only; 1–2 sentences is enough.

- I'm running for re-election as a Kelowna city **Councillor**; voters can learn more about my campaign at lovegrovekelowna.ca or by emailing me at gord.lovegrove@ubc.ca.

2. What experience would you bring to this role?

A short biography in 3–5 sentences (about 100 words) is enough.

- In addition to my four years experience serving on council since 2022, I bring over 40 years of sustainable community engineering experience to all City issues. Since 2005, I have been mentoring, teaching & researching as a founding member of UBC's School of Engineering, where I've been entrusted to teach many of your sons and daughters. In 2020, I was also honored to be asked to serve as Canada's 1st ever Departmental Science Advisor to the federal Deputy Ministers for Transport Canada and Infrastructure Canada, on climate action, sustainable development (SMARTer Growth), housing, homelessness, sustainable transport & rail, and community resilience.

3. What are your top three priorities, and one practical action for each?

Three brief bullet points (about 150 words total). Focus on the office you seek; trustees can use education priorities.

- An economic development plan with a large focus on clean tech sectors and climate action to protect our nature and tourism industry; In Kelowna, Nature is our Business – our desirable tourism destination reputation, our food supply & jobs, our future liveability depend on it, including clean tech initiatives and employment opportunities in innovative and sustainable fields to support our growing economy. Actions: i) An Economic Development Champion to pursue local & global partnership on priorities; ii) clean tech incentives to assist our farmers & other traditional industries to reduce water, waste & costs, and, to diversify future-proof our economy. Improved inter-city mobility &

regional partnerships are needed to make this happen, we can't do this alone. We need to start planning for an inter-city Valley Rail system.

- Improving community safety in our neighborhoods, public spaces, and around businesses while providing compassionate care to those struggling with addiction and mental health issues. I will continue pushing the province to establish a compassionate mandatory campus of care at the near-empty OCC; advocate for criminal justice reforms & additional Crown prosecutors; implement Kelowna's Community Safety Plan; & ensure earlier ongoing public engagement. Our public trust is eroding, we need to do things differently to make changes now.
- Address affordability challenges and make Kelowna more livable by supporting housing diversity along with sustainable growth in areas with adequate transportation infrastructure, and by gently densifying neighbourhoods. I support development where the environment, roads, utilities, transit, walking, cycling & services support it. I support ALR & parks. I support growth well integrated, not imposed. I am NOT happy with how growth was handled this term on Council; development at all costs is not my style.

4. How would you keep your decisions transparent and remain accountable to residents?

Give 1–2 practical commitments in about 75 words.

- To create more public trust, Council needs to support Resident Associations. Specifically, I would push for Council to re-invest in Neighborhood Associations, and push for rotating Council meetings to occur at least once per year in each neighbourhood. The city already has a Strong Neighborhoods Office that reaches out on-line to individuals, including a May 1st Good Neighbor Day that I participated in. We could build on this with the city providing support for annual events that re-connect hundreds in person in each Neighborhood.

5. Are there any affiliations or interests relevant to your candidacy that you want voters to know about?

A brief disclosure or public link is enough (about 75 words). Do not include account numbers or confidential details.

- Volunteer Appointments: SD23 MAPs & CARE Mentor, since 2018. Willow Park Church, Downtown Campus, greeter/youth/SS teacher, since 2024. UBC Okanagan School of Engineering, founding faculty member in 2005. Just retired in June 2026 & now an Emeritus faculty member. I mentor several undergraduate students; and, I am still primary supervisor of five graduate engineering students. Rotary International, Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Club (KSRC), since 2022 (President-elect for 2027), club service includes: Chair of the Environmental Committee since 2025; ATLS pancake breakfast crew since 2024; Rotary March clean-up crew 2026; Kelowna Food Bank

Wildfire Crew 2026; Honouring Indigenous Peoples Committee since 2022). Technical Advisor & founding member, Valley Rail working group (okrailbc.ca), since 2023. Technical Advisor to the Board of Okanagan for Ukraine (okanagan4ukraine.org/), since 2022.

6. What else would you like added or corrected on your website profile?

Brief notes or links are welcome. You can include answers already prepared for the longer questionnaire. Identify material that is for review only.

Quick position questions

For each statement, choose **Yes / Support, No / Oppose, Conditional / Depends, Undecided, Outside my role, or Other**. If you choose Other, please write your answer.

For each Conditional / Depends answer, the survey also asks: **“Please explain your conditional position (optional).”** A sentence or two is enough: what conditions or changes would affect your support? You can include that explanation beneath the relevant statement.

1. The City should shorten and simplify the process for approving new homes.

- Other – we are already fast; trades can’t keep up – we lead the Province

2. The City should reduce development cost charges on new housing.

- Other – we just reduced them 25% for 2 years.

3. Restrictions on short-term rentals should be loosened.

- Other – we just did

4. The City should pursue expanded public transit service.

- YES!! I will push to double it.

5. Infrastructure and service capacity should be ready before major additional growth is approved.

- Support

6. The City should advocate for expanded involuntary addiction-treatment capacity.

- Other – already have been !!

7. The City should invest in wildfire prevention and preparedness.

- Other – already have been, and continue to do so!

8. The City should carry out additional spending audits or operational reviews.

- Support

9. The City should make individual councillors' voting records easier to find and search.

- Other – yes, but they already are!

10. Would you have supported the October 27, 2025 electoral-reform study and conditional referendum-preparation motion? This bundled decision did not implement wards.

- I support a ward system study, including a hybrid model like Lake Country.

11. Would you have supported the March 16, 2026 second and third land-use and rezoning readings for part of Kelowna Springs? These were not final adoption.

- I have opposed paving Kelowna Springs; I want it to stay wetlands.

12. Would you have supported the April 20, 2026 financial-plan and tax-funding motion, with its stated average net property impact of 4.40%? Individual bills vary.

- Yes, we are 2nd lowest tax rates in the Province. But no higher. Ideally cap at inflation.

13. The City should help expand co-operative housing and community land trusts.

- Yes

14. The City should strengthen protections for tenants displaced by redevelopment or renovations.

- Other – we already have provisions in place.

15. The City should allow more small shops and cafés within residential neighbourhoods.

- Yes!! Like the Abbott Street café!

16. The City should advocate for a second bridge crossing of Okanagan Lake.

- NO, Valley Rail Osoyoos to Kamloops much more affordable, and achieves same congestion reduction as a 2nd crossing that only benefits WK, Kelowna! See my website for over 20 years of research explaining my position in detail!!!!

17. The City should invest in filling gaps in its sidewalk and cycling networks.

- Yes!

18. The City should expand foot patrols in commercial areas experiencing crime and disorder.

- Yes

19. The City should support expanded non-police response teams for suitable mental-health and substance-use calls.

- Yes, but IHA has to provide the nurses; so a partnership!

20. The City should increase access to public washrooms.

- Other – each costs \$ 1million! So pay washrooms like they do all over Europe, unless you mean porta-potties – very unsightly!!

21. The City should prioritize protecting agricultural land when making land-use decisions.

- YES

22. The City should strengthen protection for existing trees.

- YES

23. The City should limit annual property-tax increases to inflation.

- YES

24. Mayor and council pay increases should take effect only after the next election.

- Yes

25. Would you support a ward system for Kelowna, where residents elect councillors to represent defined geographic areas?

- Yes

Affordability questions

For each question, select **up to three priorities**. Other lets you add your own proposal. If undecided, outside your role or supporting the current approach, select that option alone.

1. Which actions would you prioritize to make housing more affordable in Kelowna?

- Partner on non-market, co-op and affordable rental housing
- Protect existing rental housing and tenants
- Use public land for affordable housing

2. Beyond housing, which actions would you prioritize to make everyday life more affordable in Kelowna?

- Review municipal spending to limit taxes and fees
- Expand affordable public transit

- Plan walkable neighbourhoods close to daily needs

Supporting material (optional)

Supporting documents or images: You may include up to 10 documents or images. Please identify credits and publication permissions in your supporting-material notes. For video or large files, use links as described below.

Video and large-file links: Paste a shareable link for each video or large file. Include its title, date, creator credit, the question it supports and whether it may be published or is for editorial review only. Check that reviewers can open each link without requesting access. Do not include passwords or confidential records.

Confirm your response

Please confirm the following with your answers:

“I am the candidate or an authorized campaign representative. I authorize OK, Let’s Vote / Gain Street to review and publish these answers with attribution. I have permission to share the supporting material and have identified any items for review only. My private contact email will not be published.”

This confirmation is required for submission and does not subscribe you to marketing.

(Confirmed)

Thanks again for taking the time to share your views with Kelowna voters.