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RUNNING FOR COUNCILOR

Facts About me

- I have been a resident of Kamloops since 1977. Kathleen (SD#73Trustee) and I have been married for 21 years and together we have 3 great kids and two black labs.
- I am a scratch start business owner for 15 years, and I believe in supporting local businesses and our community.
- I am a 14 year+ Active Rotarian, an eternal Optimist, and a Chiropractor. I love the outdoors, cycling, hiking, and too many other things to list.
- My education and work background is in Forestry, Planning/ Design, Ecology, Economics and now Health Care.

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I think Kamloops urgently needs to address our crime level, roads, and housing. We need to pursue economic growth and look at options for Performing Arts and Convention Centres.

I think it is time to get tough on crime and deal with the homeless on our streets. I believe we need to direct our RCMP to come up with a strategy to deal with our prolific offenders and take back our community. I believe it is time to stop the hand outs. Time for hand ups for those who are willing to take it. We need provincial programs that make people accountable and help them get on their feet.

I know we can improve our road maintenance and snow clearing programs and save us money at the same time. Kamloops City needs to use trucks with front blades to clear roads. We need city bylaws that make sure the streets are clear of obstacles so the whole street can be cleared. If we clear the streets better, then we will have lower road repair costs in the summer. The two activities are linked.

We can improve our housing challenges through flexible zoning to permit carriage homes, secondary suites, and higher density buildings. I believe we can use carriage homes and secondary suites so long as they are up to code, don't impact the neighbours and fit in.

I believe a vibrant economy is essential to supporting all of our community's needs. I believe we need to define our city's strengths and goals economically, then promote them. Tourism, the high tech sector and TRU is growing here. We need to actively seek out the businesses we want. Our time is now, let's make it happen!

We need to develop a sound business case for a Performing Arts Centre/ Multipurpose Centre and Business Convention Centre. I think partnering with TRU and locating the PAC/Convention Centres there makes sense for many reasons. I know we can make this work and have an asset for Kamloops!

I ask for your support Oct.20th. Together we can succeed in building a safe, healthy, vibrant Kamloops.