



Municipal By-Election 2009 **CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Kelowna Chamber of Commerce has identified six key municipal concerns that represent the areas of priority to our business members. Each candidate in the Municipal by-election has been asked to provide their respective positions relative to the following topics:

- 1) Nearly two years ago, the City of Kelowna initiated a Comprehensive Development Zoning process to jump start revitalization in a vital section of our downtown. Do you support the Comprehensive Development Zone? Please explain.
- 2) For some time the prospect of developing a business case for a convention centre in Kelowna has been the subject of discussion. What is your perspective on the feasibility of a convention centre in Kelowna?
- 3) There is currently a lack of affordable housing in Kelowna, and prior to the economic downturn, Kelowna had the lowest rental vacancy rates in Canada. A lack of affordable housing has a direct impact on the ability of businesses to retain current employees who have difficulty in meeting their housing needs. It also impacts the ability of businesses to recruit new employees into the region due to high housing costs. How would you address the issue of affordable housing in Kelowna?
- 4) The cost of congestion on business/tourism in Kelowna remains a key priority for the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce. What are your priorities relating to improvements to the transportation infrastructure along Highway 97 in the Kelowna area?
- 5) To ensure future prosperity for Kelowna, economic, environmental and social considerations need to be addressed in an integrated way. If you were elected, how would you work to ensure this balance is achieved?

- 6) The Kelowna Chamber has concerns about the negative impact that crime by chronic offenders has on business in Kelowna. If elected, what would you do to minimize the negative effect that crime by chronic offenders has on the business community?