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CHAMBER CONGRATULATES WINNING MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

Kelowna: Carmen Sparg, President of the Kelowna Chamber, today is congratulating all the winners in Saturday's municipal election in Kelowna. "We're pleased that so many candidates let their names stand and congratulate Mayor Basran and the returning members of Council on their re-election. Like many organizations though, we continue to be concerned with the low voter turnout with only about 30% of eligible voters casting a ballot. The decisions made by City Council impact our lives on a daily basis and government at every level needs to identify why so many are staying away from the polls. Democracy works but only if people take their responsibility to vote seriously."

"A lot of good issues came up during the campaign period; hearing diverse points of view only makes our city stronger. Whether the issues centered around transportation, education, hiring practices, business taxes, the new cannabis industry, or the safety and opportunities in our downtown area, the candidates spoke passionately about their plans, and how they could more fully involve citizens in working together to address concerns that are top of mind with Kelowna businesses and residents," continued Sparg.

"We also congratulate Mayor Baker in Lake Country and Mayor Milsom in West Kelowna for their victories. We look forward to collaborating with our neighbouring communities and Chambers over the next four years to ensure the entire region prospers."

Sparg concluded: "We are so grateful for the commitment which all candidates showed which was reflected in the extensive campaigning efforts we witnessed. Certainly not a process for the faint-hearted."

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