

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to offer my wholehearted endorsement of Kari Gares in her campaign for Mayor.

I first met Kari in 2006 when she was my mortgage broker. My family was just starting out, and securing a mortgage was not an easy process. Kari went above and beyond to find a solution that worked for us. From that experience, I quickly recognized her intelligence, determination, and genuine commitment to helping people.

A few years later, I had approached Kari about taking on the role of President of the North Okanagan Minor Lacrosse Association (NOMLA). Without hesitation, she stepped forward when the organization needed strong leadership. She didn't shy away from the challenge-she embraced it.

As President, Kari demonstrated exceptional dedication to growing the game of lacrosse and creating opportunities for young athletes. At a time when registrations were declining, she actively participated in an elementary school lacrosse program, helping introduce students to the sport and encouraging many of them to become interested in joining NOMLA. Her involvement played an important role in increasing participation and strengthening our association.

Kari also recognized the need for high-performance opportunities for local players. She was instrumental in creating the Thompson Okanagan Selects (T.O.S) program, which provided elite competition and development for athletes aged 12- 18. This program gave many young players the opportunity to compete at a higher level while representing our region with pride.

Throughout her time with NOMLA, Kari consistently demonstrated vision, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to the youth in our community. She invested countless hours to ensure young athletes had opportunities not only to develop their skills but also to build confidence, teamwork, and lasting friendships through sport.

Kari has always been someone who steps forward to serve others. Whether helping a young family secure their first home or dedicating herself to building stronger opportunities for our youth, she leads with integrity, compassion, and determination.

I have no doubt that Kari Gares will bring those same qualities to the role of Mayor. Our community would be well served by her leadership, and I am proud to support her candidacy.

The same leadership, vision, and commitment to serving others that Kari demonstrated in our lacrosse community are the qualities that will make her an outstanding Mayor!

Sincerely,
Christopher Scabar