

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT / KARI GARES FOR MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERNON

To whom it may concern:

As the former Officer in Charge of the RCMP Vernon North Okanagan Detachment, having proudly served the citizens of the City of Vernon and District for over five years in that capacity, and as the longstanding Chairperson of the Vernon and District Land Trust (now known as Okanagan Village Housing Society) for more than a decade, I have gained a rare and comprehensive perspective on the social challenges affecting our community. From crime and public safety to affordable housing and homelessness, I have witnessed firsthand the complex issues confronting the citizens of Vernon.

With this rare depth of experience, and after years of working alongside Kari on the Vernon and District Land Trust, I am proud to offer my strongest and most enthusiastic endorsement for Kari's campaign to become Mayor of Vernon. Her dedication, integrity, and vision are unmatched, and I believe she will inspire positive change throughout our city.

As a dedicated public servant and long-standing taxpayer in the City of Vernon, I have personally witnessed Kari demonstrate a leadership style that is visionary and inclusive. Kari brings to the office of mayor an unwavering commitment to addressing the root causes of our community's most pressing issues—be it crime, homelessness, affordable housing, or responsible community development—rather than simply managing their symptoms. Her ability to see the larger picture and implement intelligence-led, compassionate solutions sets her apart as the leader Vernon needs.

Kari, who is also a successful professional businesswoman, understands the challenges facing the business community and is deeply accountable to the people of Vernon. She is driven by a passion to break down procedural barriers, championing efficiency, transparency, and—above all—fairness in the way the mayor and council respond to the evolving needs of our community.

I state without a single reservation: Kari GARES is the embodiment of public service. She possesses the rare qualities of honesty, fairness, and compassion that our city needs. I am absolutely confident that she will elevate every sector of our community and that her leadership will set a new standard for excellence in Vernon. Kari is not only deserving—she is destined to lead our city as its next Mayor.

Sincerely,

Randy Kolibaba



Superintendent - RCMP (Retired)

Former Chairperson – Vernon and District Land Trust Society.