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**BC Conservatives**

**Kamloops-North Thompson**

### **Tourism Industry**

**What is your knowledge of Tourism Kamloops and its role in the city?**

*As a local regional mayor and director on TNRD very familiar with Tourism Kamloops.*

**How does your party view tourism as an industry and government priority relative to other sectors of British Columbia's economy?**

*Absolutely it's a priority. Small business is a major economic driver throughout our province.*

**If elected, how would you advocate for tourism in our region?**

*When we form govt we will be revamping our ministries and Tourism forms an important part of our local economy. As opposition I will continue to advocate for our tourism industry.*

### **Tourism Recovery and Promotion**

**How will your party help BC's tourism and hospitality industry rebuild a skilled workforce in the ongoing recovery of the industry?**

*We will repeal STR legislation n allow municipalities to determine which works in their boundaries. And encouraging investment in the Agricultural and resource sectors will allow more people to travel more and increase the business in our tourism industry. That will lead to more full time positions and more interest in people looking for employment in the tourism industry.*

**What will your party do to encourage more investment in the tourism and hospitality sector to help build the visitor economy and bolster local communities?**

*No specific policies but eliminating the carbon tax n fuel emission tax coupled with less bureaucracy and red tape for expansion and development.*

**How will your party help build Indigenous tourism to develop and promote market-ready Indigenous experiences?**

*Encourage tourism organizations with new focus on a revamped tourism ministry.*

**What will your party do to help struggling tourism businesses that have been directly impacted by one or more emergency situations like wildfires, drought, floods, or other crises to remain solvent?**

*No specific policy yet on this.*

### **Understanding MRDT Priorities**

**How would you describe your current understanding of the MRDT (Municipal and Regional District Tax) in Kamloops?**

*Somewhat*

**Will your party retain the Municipal & Regional District Tax (MRDT) for its original intended purposes – tourism marketing, projects, programs?**

*Not sure again not identified in policy*