



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: June 27, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **2022 Annual Report**

Report Prepared by: Sandy Webster, Director of Corporate Initiatives, Warren Everton,
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RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council consider the 2022 Annual Report for adoption, which includes the adopted Audited Financial Statements, prepared in accordance with Sections 98 and 99 of the *Community Charter*.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Invest in Infrastructure – We will invest in building, improving and maintaining infrastructure to meet the needs of, and to provide a high quality of life for, current and future generations.

Pursue Economic Growth and Prosperity – We will work with stakeholders throughout the region to advocate for and support efforts aimed at helping West Kelowna businesses prosper. With a focus on the future, we will advance opportunities to expand our economy, increase employment, and develop the community in ways that contribute towards prosperity for all.

Strengthen Our Community – We will provide opportunities for the residents of West Kelowna to build connections, celebrate successes, embrace the community's strengths and diversity, address shared needs, and contribute to shaping the community's future.

Foster Safety and Well-Being – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and collaboration with local and regional service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

BACKGROUND

The 2022 Annual Report, together with the Year In Review, highlights some of the major activities and accomplishments that support Council's Strategic Priorities. Included are the independently Audited Financial Statements, information on tax exemptions, and summary of services and operations as outlined in Attachment 1 and in accordance with the statutory requirements in the *Community Charter*.

The Audited Financial Statements were adopted by Council at the May 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting in accordance with the annual May 15 deadline outlined in the *Community Charter*. Also in accordance with the *Community Charter*, the City's Annual Report is to be adopted by Council on an annual basis prior to June 30 each year, which includes the opportunity for public review prior to adoption.

The 2022 Annual Report has been available for public review since June 12, 2023 at www.westkelownacity.ca/annualreport. In addition to four print advertisements, staff issued a public service announcement on June 12 combined with an e-update to 4,800 subscribers and subsequent social media posts on the City's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter channels.

Two email inquiries were received from the public and replied to by staff as noted in Attachment 2 of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Finance Department has reviewed the Annual Report and found that it fairly and accurately portrays the excellent financial health of the City of West Kelowna. The report clearly lays out the priorities and accomplishments of the City and presents statistics that illustrate a high level of citizen engagement, growth and resilience of our young municipality.

CONCLUSION

The final requirement is for Council to consider public comment, provide any additional input and consideration of adoption of the 2022 Annual Report.

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments:

- 1) 2022 Annual Report June 2023
- 2) Public Inquiries and Responses June 2023