



# **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY - APPENDICES**

ROUND 2 - DRAFT COMMUNITY VISION REVIEW  
WINTER 2021



# APPENDICES

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# APPENDIX A: VIRTUAL WORKSHOP MEETING NOTES

## SUMMARY NOTES FROM VIRTUAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS ON:

- ▶ Tue., Dec 1 from 12:00 - 1:30 pm
- ▶ Wed., Dec. 2 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm



# MEETING NOTES

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**Meeting:** #OURWK DRAFT Community Vision Review: Virtual Workshop #1

**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

**Location:** Zoom Online Meeting Platform

**Attendees:** 23 stakeholders and members of the public

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## DISCUSSION SUMMARY

The following notes are paraphrased with the intention of capturing the comments raised by meeting participants. These notes include discussions in the main meeting as well as both breakout rooms generated through the discussions and comments posted in the meeting chat.

TOPIC	COMMENT OR QUESTION
<b>Introductions</b>	
<b>Is there a topic you're excited to talk about today?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Progress</li><li>Sustainability</li><li>Creating healthier communities</li><li>Westbank Centre</li><li>Creating healthy sustainable food systems</li><li>Culture, heritage and our communities (Westbank First Nation and City of West Kelowna) working together</li><li>Collaboration with Westbank First Nation</li><li>Active transportation infrastructure</li><li>Development of Gellatly Bay</li><li>Diversity and technology</li><li>Uniqueness of West Kelowna</li><li>West Kelowna urban planning vision</li><li>Affordability and how to build an integrated / seamless community with neighbourhood focus</li><li>Inclusion for all</li><li>Pedestrian friendly roads, bike lanes, development at Gellatly</li><li>How to support our businesses</li><li>Eager to generally learn more</li></ul>
<b>Break-Out Discussion #1 – Draft Vision Statement Review</b>	
<b>What resonates well?</b>	<p><b>General comments on tone / style / length:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support that it is inspirational. Positive wording. Uplifting.</li><li>Really like the document and great for people to be involved in creating it. But there is a lot of content. Many other communities have vision statements that are only one or two lines, perhaps add part that is higher level: "to develop and nurture a community harmoniously for the prosperity for life in our community."</li><li>Covers a lot of ground but is quite long.</li><li>Vision is all encompassing and covers lot of aspects.</li><li>Reads really well, sounds amazing, but doesn't seem like it is a 20 year vision. It seems more like a 2 – 5 year vision. A lot of things could be achieved in a short amount of time.</li><li>Useful; it reflects what residents have been saying (key themes most important).</li><li>Perhaps a shortened version of the vision that could be in a "pamphlet" per say, but this is the longer explanation explaining said vision and an explanation of vision → goal → action/objective.</li><li>Support for an accompanying pamphlet to explain the vision further (if moving to a concise statement).</li></ul> <p><b>Specific elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Many issues can be addressed through active transportation infrastructure (about 12 of the 20 topics) which trace back to connected community and social and health issues.</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Like the term “thoughtful growth.” Concerned about potentially underestimating our growth at 5,000 new units. It could be more.</li> <li>▪ Focus on livability is good.</li> <li>▪ Sustainability is good but there could be more emphasis on improving and protecting.</li> <li>▪ To really achieve our vision, it is essential to work with WFN and understand where we want to go together.</li> </ul>
<b>What falls flat?</b>	<p><b>General comments on tone / style / length:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nice words but needs to be more specific; need clear direction on where to go.</li> <li>▪ Beautiful work of art, but not enough substance. It is too flowery – needs more meat and potatoes.</li> <li>▪ Good draft but needs to be more condensed into shorter statements on what you are trying to say, the ideas in mind, and what you want to do. Be clear and concise.</li> <li>▪ Too many concepts – there is overlap with what is being said e.g., what are you really trying to say? i.e., ‘thoughtful’ growth – great concept, but a little vague.</li> <li>▪ A vision statement should be a single statement.</li> <li>▪ Shorter statements – need one single statement on what trying to say, ideas in mind, and what want to do.</li> <li>▪ Ideally, one could walk up to anyone in the community and they could tell you the vision. Right now, the length of the vision doesn’t let you do that. Want it to be understandable.</li> <li>▪ I feel statements need to be clearer and more concise. It should embrace West Kelowna history-present-future goals while maintaining values such as community, family, agriculture, urban development, landscape, etc.</li> <li>▪ A vision is not an end state; it is open ended and continues over time. The vision changes. It doesn’t all come together in 2040 and then we are done, need to think beyond this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Specific elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The word embrace is too strong (e.g., We embrace change...) Would suggest saying “We anticipate change...”</li> <li>▪ Ideas are peppered throughout the vision but not necessarily the focus and need to be acknowledged e.g. safety, technology.</li> <li>▪ Improvement is good, but we fail to discuss how we protect. What will we do to protect things in our community as we continue to develop and grow?</li> <li>▪ Should have content around morals and integrity. More details about what the community should look like so it’s clearly defined.</li> </ul>
<b>What’s missing?</b>	<p><b>Community Values</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perhaps what is missing are the values that are used to guide everything ... the plan must balance practicality with idealism with known research of what has worked in places like WK.</li> <li>▪ I think that the vision tries to identify the values within it. Maybe if values were broken away from the vision, there would be more clarity to guide the whole process.</li> <li>▪ Maintain community values e.g., agriculture.</li> </ul> <p><b>Collaboration with WFN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ From a high level, good but needs acknowledgment for traditional territories (this has already been discussed between the City and WFN).</li> <li>▪ There needs to be collaboration with WFN.</li> <li>▪ Increased collaboration is very important. It is mentioned in pieces throughout the document but not necessarily mentioned in the vision.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Kelowna needs to challenge what growth they will see over the next 20 years and better understand WFN anticipated growth.</li> </ul> <p><b>Healthy Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality versus sustainability; more important than all is the health and wellness of our community. Health and wellness is the foundation of a community – part of a healthy community is quality food. Need to support local food systems.</li> <li>Need health and wellness before infrastructure (sickness, disease and death = food contamination so need food resiliency / organic food as it is key to health and wellness.) Food plays into wellness of community health and what supports sustainability, building, infrastructure, and community.</li> <li>Opportunities for food security (e.g., winter greenhouses, fresh food year round – design to do so; possible in cold climate).</li> <li>“We are in harmony with neighbours, lands, and one another. Connected.”</li> <li>Healthy community: a culture emphasizing local food movement, and a city designed for a healthy lifestyle outdoors.</li> <li>Perhaps we should aspire to being a global leader in sustainable food systems as well as being a significant economic generator in our communities. This would help better utilize the agricultural lands in between neighborhoods.</li> <li>Monitoring chemical use in agriculture and landscaping.</li> <li>Keep a close eye on geography – how many chemicals are being used in the Okanagan (creates dead zones in our lakes).</li> </ul> <p><b>Transportation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From a health perspective, active transportation.</li> <li>Easier / affordable transportation options for seniors and those that require to utilize the system.</li> <li>I would review the RDCO's transportation study for that piece to align the OCP with it.</li> <li>Safety and sustainability.</li> <li>Agriculture areas are underutilized spaces – how can we build / move forward with active transportation and connectivity while still protecting agricultural lands?</li> <li>Maybe even include overpasses for walkers.</li> <li>One of the key words I think about when looking out towards 2040 is innovation. Currently, the hardscape and highway is the only option. But can we look to other areas of protection or innovation for transportation – air space for air travel (cars and taxis). We can't keep doing the same things, we need to look to what future may hold.</li> </ul> <p><b>Highway 97</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is talk about sustainable transportation options, but Highway 97 is an issue. Is there some way we can incorporate it? This is a challenge!</li> <li>Highway 97, if you don't do anything about it, you can forget about doing anything else in the vision.</li> <li>I just wonder how much can be done with Highway 97 as it is a Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure issue?</li> <li>Highway 97 issue is front and center.</li> </ul> <p><b>Westbank Centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wonder about the walkability of Westbank Center: the safety and viability of walking. Getting away from an autocentric community.</li> <li>Start the transformation of Westbank now! do not wait until the highway moves which may never happen.</li> </ul>





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	<p><b>Neighbourhoods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More on neighbourhoods and how they strengthen community.</li> <li>Need clusters of neighbourhoods that can survive on their own.</li> <li>Downtown West Kelowna might not be achievable but in the long-term potentially strengthen neighbourhoods so they are more independent in terms of more people walking, cycling to enhance quality of life.</li> <li>Like idea of having shopping and commercial in neighbourhoods, but not all across community and not in every neighbourhood. It is ok to not have commercial in every neighbourhood. It is not necessary.</li> <li>Do agree the neighborhoods should be distinct, but not necessarily complete. Easy-to-walk-to local centres are not possible in all areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Innovation &amp; Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the 2040 vision – statements are not reflective of future; rather, they are more “today” statements. In future things will be different, such as technology will change how we live. Would like this reflected more as to where we will be in the future.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agricultural Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farms focused on intensity of what they are producing; growing interest in additional farming and production (goods coming from outside of country).</li> <li>Need to make venue for people to find the merchandise year-round i.e., Penticton farmers market moves indoors (we don’t do that at the same level).</li> <li>Support local food systems.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action / Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talks about the ‘what’ – but doesn’t talk about the how or the when. Likely needs to be discussed (does this come in later?).</li> <li>Needs to be more action oriented.</li> <li>Inspirational yes, but the “how” and the “what” may be missing.</li> <li>I am concerned about the building blocks section. Some of the points mentioned are recent changes, some are historical, some are more forward thinking / happening in the future. I think there needs to be clarity around what is used as building blocks and why.</li> </ul> <p><b>Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need to look more to natural infrastructure improvements. Not sure if West Kelowna has a natural asset management plan.</li> <li>How many water treatment plants need to be upgraded? Always water drinking warnings.</li> <li>Should there any comments / points about actual travel in the waterways themselves?</li> </ul>

## Break-Out Discussion #2 – Draft Key Directions Review

<b>Key Directions Framework</b>	<p><b>Key Directions Framework (Wheel)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I like the visual.</li> <li>Explain more how the wheel is used – and how directions relate.</li> <li>I agree; the use of a wheel in particular should be explained and how they are interconnected.</li> <li>The wheel is very easy to navigate &amp; great form of communication (especially for us who were raised with the Canada Food Guide wheel. :-).</li> <li>Great “Wheel”.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Active Transportation Infrastructure – connects to Healthy communities, streets for people, shift to alternative transportation, climate change, stewardship of these lands, protected green space, expanding business, attract professions, connected waterfront.</li> <li>▪ I do wonder if we are missing sustainability as one of our anchors.</li> <li>▪ A community that doesn't try to be all things to everyone. We should have clear aspiration of what we want to be or not. I like the draft direction with more refinement as we drill down in each key direction.</li> <li>▪ I like how you have segmented the wheel, and note that key items such as the environment and sustainability are peppered throughout each section, but I wonder if people will miss that part if it's not apparent.</li> <li>▪ Where is innovation and technology? Not reflected here; in 2040 we are going to be in a virtual world; virtual place, virtual West Kelowna (think to the future). Plays into each of these categories: where is the online industry, automation? Vision for and plan for if viable and sustainable as a community?</li> <li>▪ With overlap of items, things are falling through the cracks.</li> <li>▪ Another thought is that the key directions within the foundational elements will have vastly different weightings when evaluated.</li> </ul>
TOPICS	
<b>Sustained Shift in Transportation Choices Away from Single-Occupancy Vehicles</b>	<p><b>Connectivity – Neighbourhoods &amp; Region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perhaps focus on unique differences between the various communities within West Kelowna and how they can be tied together (especially through avenues such as transportation and movement throughout the city / lake).</li> <li>▪ Perhaps a note of more cooperation on a regional scale for transit, and local neighbourhoods with a bigger focus on safe and walkable.</li> <li>▪ Strongly support safe walking and cycling paths to community hubs.</li> <li>▪ Focus more on health in our community; it's peppered through document but might need to say it clearer.</li> <li>▪ Let's increase Active Transportation Infrastructure and reduce the need for parking. Connectedness.</li> <li>▪ Focus on walking and biking connectivity between neighborhoods is a great goal.</li> <li>▪ In reality, West Kelowna is 20 years away from cities that are much denser, and although we aspire to become denser neighbourhoods that are connected, we are separated by such a huge amount of agricultural land and industrial lands with lower populations.</li> <li>▪ Perhaps more integrated ideas in transportation planning for connecting neighbourhoods sustainably (e.g., collaborating to make school buses electric, etc.). How can we take advantage of other initiatives to connect us so that we achieve active communities in a neighbourhood or two? It will be more challenging on a large-scale with our land use and population.</li> <li>▪ Agree we are geographically spread out and active transportation is a challenge and there is latent demand – not enough people to fully utilize as people prefer to use vehicles.</li> <li>▪ Some challenges (e.g., land use) – how do we overcome to have an effective network?</li> <li>▪ Dense connected neighbourhoods separated by agricultural land – how will we create more active transportation throughout the City with land use?</li> </ul> <p><b>Providing Active Transportation Choices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ More active transportation choices does away for need for parking lots and additional roads; connect to town centres / waterfront. Environmental aspect of the land that we are working on needs to be included.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Living in walking distance to healthy food retail (walk or active transportation).</li> <li>▪ I concur and acknowledge comments regarding limited parking on Boucherie and Gellatly Roads is an issue.</li> <li>▪ I like the active transportation concept. Many of our main roads are without shoulders due to the prior rural nature of this as an unorganized area on the Westside. This can be fixed over time.</li> <li>▪ The Westside Wine trail is more expensive than required and resources could have been distributed to other high priority roads.</li> <li>▪ Any shift must involve protection of lands and waters.</li> <li>▪ Community events e.g. Music in Park are beneficial but there are parking issues – people choose vehicles because there is no other choice.</li> <li>▪ More active transportation to connect to different areas of city and to protect land.</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting Our Agricultural and Industrial Roots</b>	<p><b>Agriculture Protection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supporting our agricultural and industrial roots: I wonder if we can talk about how these two go together or not?</li> <li>▪ Uniqueness of West Kelowna – the farms, wineries, orchards are the backbone of our community; needs to be supported, protected.</li> <li>▪ Job of city to ensure that it looks the same in the future that it does now.</li> <li>▪ City vision – agriculture must be a priority that is cherished and protected and expanded if at all possible.</li> <li>▪ What is grown here is available for those that live here in a sustainable way.</li> <li>▪ Healthy soils create healthy food and healthy people and healthy communities.</li> <li>▪ We have the quality of outdoor agriculture (sun farming versus in buildings).</li> <li>▪ Complete support of protecting agricultural land, wineries, beaches, and parks. This is the most important fundamental area that needs to be preserved in the 2040 vision. Our 2040 vision should include educating people (families, kids, etc.) about agriculture, food, health and wellness. Quality of life is most important. We need to connect neighbourhoods and communities to our agricultural areas. I think we can improve the interface of our industrial community as well.</li> <li>▪ It's great that there is sustainability of agriculture as a focus in the draft. Having some language around protection of agricultural land will be important.</li> </ul> <p><b>Innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Perhaps a note on future thinking ideas as well here, like supporting innovation in the sectors and local food hubs, etc.</li> <li>▪ Potentially automation will improve efficiencies. Need to consider what the future will hold in terms of technology agriculture to ensure quality food in the future?</li> <li>▪ Quality food is important so focus should be on less chemicals, etc. and impacts on surrounding areas. Focus on creating healthy communities.</li> <li>▪ Westside Farm Loop has been great, more can be focused on it too!</li> <li>▪ Potential of Okanagan – models of communities that we are designing today are decades old. Need new design for communities (e.g., how to grow real food).</li> <li>▪ West Kelowna could be the first of its kind in Canada – traditional healing with food, communicating what food is and what it isn't.</li> <li>▪ Agricultural tourism is bigger than pharmaceutical industry.</li> </ul> <p><b>Food Security / Affordability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Food affordability, too! :)</li> </ul>



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<b>A Transformed Westbank Centre</b>	<p><b>Highway 97</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ I like the 2040 vision for Westbank Centre. I am interested to see what the action items would be from those statements. For example, Highway 97: interesting to work with the province on that! Or, attracting people, actions may be various events or temporary tax exemptions to encourage new businesses etc. Looks good so far.</li> <li>▪ My only issue is with the term 'continued efforts' in dealing with Highway 97. That highway is not going anywhere, there is no space in the region to move it, so by 2040 we shouldn't be still discussing how to reduce its impacts; we should have already dealt with the issue with installation of pedestrian and traffic overpasses, whereby it's an afterthought rather than a inconvenience.</li> <li>▪ Highway 97 bypass is not a near term option. Probably think about how to enhance it in our town centre within this 20-year time horizon. The town center enhancement needs to be advanced even if a bypass comes at some point.</li> <li>▪ There is a feeling that we have held back on development because we may change the highway with a bypass. We can't wait, we need to start taking action and make plans.</li> </ul> <p><b>Identity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Geographically, Westbank Centre is located more central; opportunities are huge.</li> <li>▪ It has so much potential, it's beyond our imagination.</li> <li>▪ Break away from the status quo of what communities are and how we can sustain them and determine the opportunities.</li> <li>▪ There are opportunities for West Kelowna to think big and think internationally with development of high quality products and services to boost the City's economy – global tourism, health and wellness, look at what is working elsewhere.</li> <li>▪ I agree that Westbank Centre could be West Kelowna "Identity;" however, it needs to be accessible, easy to get there. I live in Shannon Lake but cannot get there unless I drive (no safe travel by bike or walking). Westbank Centre does not connect to the waterfront YET. Active Transportation Infrastructure improvements would help connect residents with Westbank Centre.</li> <li>▪ Downtown core should be an attraction in itself. Examples like Napa or Sonoma have an entirely different feel when you arrive.</li> </ul> <p><b>Urban Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Possibly a wonderful opportunity for the community, split highway with center space is so unique, there is something we could do with this space. We would not have muffler shops and light industrial, we would have winery shops, art galleries, and more low scale retail that speaks to WK.</li> <li>▪ There is even things we could do for the entire downtown area, with clear direction and perhaps architectural drawings with ideas of where we want to go may guide us better. We could really understand where we want to go, what we want to see, and understand what this area is capable of doing.</li> <li>▪ Architectural guidelines for redevelopment.</li> <li>▪ Perhaps could consider focusing on businesses within one block at a time and working hard to reinvigorate that area.</li> <li>▪ New to West Kelowna – very attractive city. If can't fix highway, or downtown, is it possible to move downtown / businesses to an area that is away from the highway to make it more accessible?</li> <li>▪ There seems to be a lack of bylaw enforcement – easy to correct – but could be used to improve the attractiveness of the downtown (weeds and litter).</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Business Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This area is really important for business. Is there opportunity to have more business-friendly centre, a place where businesses may be supported and may be located. The city wants and needs an area that businesses can be located.</li> <li>▪ Should have business offices and professional centres – it is a good location.</li> </ul>
<p><b>A Healthy Community that Supports Healthy Individuals</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Healthy communities is more than just healthcare, it is about our built environment, social, spiritual, and our community connections. It's about our lifestyle too. Health is woven through all the different directions – built environment, social, cultural, spiritual, educational, etc.</li> <li>▪ More integration with WFN. Not just buildings, but also parks, trails, and other things that help us be active.</li> <li>▪ Have we considered a hospital in WK?</li> <li>▪ One thing that always pops up in all these conversations is our collaboration with WFN. It is hard to imagine a future where we do not collaborate with them, and this should be critical to moving forwards with the vision.</li> <li>▪ I would like the last bullet to include parks and trails, as in facilities, parks, and trails. (Not just facilities).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Planning ahead for our Future Infrastructure Needs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When we look at infrastructure needs, and we start weighing in on the need for hospitals, roads; we can't build housing without having an infrastructure plan. It is very important. We have instances of cycle planning practices, but don't have enough specifics around certain buildings for the community will need to build to support the future of our community's growth.</li> <li>▪ Sewers specific to Gellatly Bay: worried that it will need to be upgraded before any further development is done down there. We see there is interest in increasing density, but what capacity do we have, what needs to be improved? Roads and sewers.</li> <li>▪ Should infrastructure improvements be done before we carry through with the vision? Otherwise we are making something that is redundant. And who controls this? Is it the city or the developers?</li> <li>▪ In the vision we should be talking about hydro or electricity needs. More people working from home, more development, more buildings.</li> </ul> <p><b>CWK Staff Comment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On this section, could we add something about emerging infrastructure? Especially things like fibre, cell, etc.? Telecommunications will be a major driver for our businesses looking ahead. This could be a financial opportunity for the city to lease out conduit or look at more strategic partnerships with telecom providers be a community that is open for new and emerging technology advocate and work with private sector for solutions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>City of Compact Neighbourhoods Where People Have What They Need Close to Home</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Compact neighbourhoods – much of West Kelowna is not urban.</li> <li>▪ I like the idea of where this works well, but it won't everywhere. Casa Loma neighbourhood is an example – it's too small to support a complete neighbourhood. Critical mass is important for businesses to succeed. We need to preserve distinctiveness of each neighbourhood and if we can't have shopping so be it, we will travel if needed.</li> <li>▪ One of the challenges of creating retail centres is that it is predatory of existing retail areas, in particular, our downtown.</li> <li>▪ Important to keep in mind that there is a difference between retail and key amenities, affordable food vs. convenience stores. Having access to key amenities like affordable food is crucial to the discussion of our growth and services.</li> <li>▪ Connected to neighbourhoods is important. Not just about the car.</li> <li>▪ Add the general theme that every community can have its own beauty and theme, they don't need to be the exactly same, and there can be diversity.</li> </ul>



CITY OF WEST KELOWNA COMMUNITY VISION  
PHASE 2, VIRTUAL WORKSHOP #1 - MEETING NOTES

TOPIC	COMMENT OR QUESTION
<b>A Connected, Accessible, and Vibrant Waterfront</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Shouldn't be changing ALR lands to allow for housing.</li><li>▪ Vibrant waterfront is vague. It is already vibrant. Concern is that some people feel they want bars, shops, restaurants, cafes – but others are not convinced these businesses would be sustainable 12 months of the year.</li><li>▪ Worried about heights of buildings in Gellatly Bay and the heights that would be needed to make commercial viable.</li><li>▪ Waterway connections should be featured as well – how people travel along the water.</li><li>▪ Concerns about rezoning the waterfront area one piece at a time. Need to go back and envision the entire waterfront area and what it's going to be first.</li><li>▪ The 2017 Amended OCP should be recognized. Concerns that plans being developed are based on a loose concept and may not fit the original vision.</li></ul>



# MEETING NOTES

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**Meeting:** #OURWK DRAFT Community Vision Review: Virtual Workshop #2

**Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Location:** Zoom Online Meeting Platform

**Attendees:** 16 stakeholders and members of the public

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<b>Introductions</b>	
<b>Is there a topic you're excited to talk about today?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ How to bring Westbank First Nation (WFN) into this plan given our geographical relationship</li><li>▪ Opportunities for residents to connect</li><li>▪ Turning this city into a city</li><li>▪ Land use</li><li>▪ "Our Places" part of the draft Community Vision</li><li>▪ Waterfront</li><li>▪ How COVID-19 could affect the Community Plan</li><li>▪ Connectivity</li><li>▪ WK vision</li><li>▪ Education / schools</li><li>▪ Transportation including bike lanes</li><li>▪ Parks</li><li>▪ Town Centre</li><li>▪ Density</li><li>▪ Looking forward to hearing from my neighbours</li></ul>
<b>Break-Out Discussion #1 – Draft Vision Statement Review</b>	
<b>What resonates well?</b>	<p><b>General comments on tone / style / length:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Love all the pieces to this, but it's too much.</li><li>▪ Does a good job describing what we like and what we want to be, but needs more clarity about where we're headed as a community.</li><li>▪ The stories in the Vision make connection. It's long, but the point is that we are moving to the future and need to keep what we like in place as we do that.</li><li>▪ Did get a positive emotional response to the vision – looking for even more inspirational.</li><li>▪ These are "vision statements." They should all be in the document, but not all in one space.</li><li>▪ Very broad and general, a good start.</li><li>▪ Inclusive and broad ranging.</li></ul>
<b>What falls flat?</b>	<p><b>General comments on tone / style / length:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Very long with many parts. One line should be considered. It would be ideal to fit it on the wall at City Hall or on a tattoo.</li><li>▪ There's a lot in there – so much that you're left without a clear idea of what the vision is.</li><li>▪ Like idea of a brief central vision statement, like a ball, the with all of these components that feed into what the vision is all about. Imagine an octopus – with the centre as a vision and tentacles that shoot off. That would bring everything together.</li><li>▪ Need to focus not just on what it looks like on paper, but what it is really saying.</li><li>▪ Lots of words, not able to close eyes to see a beautiful city that is desirable. Couldn't yet see green spaces or beauty. Need more visual – green, safe, clean – more feeling.</li><li>▪ Words are too technical – e.g., "model for thoughtful growth."</li></ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Too business-y, needs to relate to every citizen in the community.</li> <li>▪ Lots of the ideas could be translated into values or mission statements to shorten the vision.</li> <li>▪ Want some one-line zingers that get you excited. If we can do this, people will say “that’s where we want to live!”</li> <li>▪ Could be more inspirational.</li> <li>▪ Needs to be simple/direct and easy to understand.</li> <li>▪ Perhaps trim the vision statement to just 30-50 words.</li> <li>▪ Concerned that if the vision statement is trimmed down too much then we may miss the things that make West Kelowna so great.</li> <li>▪ Punchy, more direct.</li> <li>▪ Hit a lot of broad point points but did not hit home on some key points. Difficult to determine if this was intentional or not.</li> <li>▪ Could we focus on a certain direction or have numerous focuses that make this more West Kelowna?</li> <li>▪ As a vision statement it was long – needs to be more succinct and to the point.</li> <li>▪ Could use more explanation – not sure I understood in full what it was trying to achieve.</li> <li>▪ Needs to be more aspirational / have more impact – currently it reads too “motherhood” i.e., protective / conservative.</li> <li>▪ Maybe it should stretch one's thinking and be really clear about what we want to be.</li> </ul> <p><b>Specific elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Westbank versus West Kelowna. Westbank is still in there and it creates confusion.</li> <li>▪ More about sustainability.</li> <li>▪ Want to know that the City is making choices with residents’ best interests in mind and that residents are being heard.</li> <li>▪ Adjust wording to “city of compact neighbourhoods” as the meaning is unclear and people may assume that you mean “density”.</li> </ul>
What’s missing?	<p><b>Ideas for Bold Statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “The Westside is the Best Side.”</li> <li>▪ “Unique city, unique people, unique experiences.”</li> <li>▪ “West Kelowna - live your best life here.”</li> <li>▪ “West Kelowna - Inspiring the next generation.”</li> <li>▪ "Achieve your dreams in West Kelowna."</li> </ul> <p><b>Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ More on a community for all ages and abilities.</li> <li>▪ Part of our vision should be an engaged community. Recognizing that we’re in this together.</li> <li>▪ Would like to see the ‘livable community’ reworked as I don’t just want to live in just a liveable community i.e., the status quo that does not go above and beyond. Why shouldn’t we be trying to be unique?</li> <li>▪ Need to emphasize sense of place within our communities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Growth and Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ More about residential development and how West Kelowna is going to be mindful to avoid too much density i.e., a balance between new housing and maintaining ample green spaces.</li> </ul> <p><b>Access to Lake / Natural Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Not a lot about connection to the lake i.e., protection of views, lake access, connectivity to and from the lake.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Don't see a lot of connection to nature, walkability, transportation, and cycling to areas of nature / our environment.</li> <li>▪ Hiking trails need to be celebrated, just as the lake is. West Kelowna has great hiking trails / access to nature, but it does not come through.</li> <li>▪ Though that the lake is very unique to the community, not everyone has access to lakeshore. How can we make the most of the opportunities that we have being situated on the lakefront to have it more part of our community and more part of our boundary within West Kelowna?</li> </ul> <p><b>Active Transportation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There doesn't seem to be enough forethought to the future – how does active transportation get implemented in future, where, how, what connections do we have?</li> <li>▪ Much of the active transportation we get is in new neighbourhoods – don't forget about the old neighbourhoods.</li> <li>▪ Have transportation / active transportation available for all ages, all abilities, and user groups – active transportation needs to be accessible and user friendly for all.</li> <li>▪ Very difficult to train young person how to use bike trails / trails for bikes / scooters due to a very unconnected network that does not meet all ages / all user guidelines. To improve active transportation, we need to make it safer and more connected.</li> </ul>

## Break-Out Discussion #2 – Draft Key Directions Review

<b>Potential Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Taking bold actions to address the impacts of climate change</li> <li>▪ Creating a harmony between people</li> <li>▪ Highway through-traffic</li> <li>▪ Bike lanes</li> <li>▪ How town is seamlessly connected by a network of pathways, trails with lots of interesting and diverse amenities, and points of interest along the way</li> <li>▪ Centre for arts and culture</li> <li>▪ Shuttle buses within the community</li> <li>▪ Better neighbourhood signage</li> <li>▪ What industry do we want / attract?</li> <li>▪ Space for a post-secondary institution</li> <li>▪ Sustainability</li> <li>▪ Programs for families, access to community spaces</li> <li>▪ I love all the ideas, but will it be possible to implement all of these within a certain timeframe to achieve our vision?</li> <li>▪ I like the sections and how they are separated like a colour wheel.</li> </ul>
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## TOPICS

<b>A Transformed Westbank Centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is the importance of Westbank Centre? Why does it need to be the destination centre?</li> <li>▪ We are a community on the water – it may be more realistic to put our attention to that area to capitalize on our location.</li> <li>▪ It would be hard to start over again somewhere else with all the infrastructure that is currently in place in Westbank Centre.</li> <li>▪ Land along the lake could make a beautiful location for downtown, but very constrained by available lands. Don't have the same available lands as a lot of other communities that have larger commercial areas on the waterfront.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If development is focused in Westbank Centre it helps to preserve other areas for green space and other opportunities.</li> <li>▪ Could potentially give a break to business-owners to encourage location to Westbank Centre. Start with one block and then expand. → Whyte Ave. in Edmonton is a success storey. It started off rough and has been improved incrementally. Early investments have led to it continuing to improve organically.</li> <li>▪ Difficult to imagine entertainment area or destination draw in Westbank Centre currently – there is not draw for people to gather. Communities need a meeting place to gather, interact – places like coffee shops, restaurants – this may be more suitable for the waterfront like Penticton and Peachland.</li> <li>▪ At the downtown core – more density and shopping is key to success. What we’re seeing now with increased residential density is a great start.</li> <li>▪ West Kelowna needs a city centre – currently we don’t have one. There is no cohesion, destination, gathering place – we call ourselves a city, but are not acting like one.</li> <li>▪ West Kelowna has an identity crisis – when people visit there’s so many signs – West Kelowna, Westbank First Nation, Westbank Centre – it’s not clear what community you’re in.</li> <li>▪ Bypass – this is something that isn’t addressed directly but should be.</li> <li>▪ I would like to see more to encourage businesses to do business downtown by stepping up and providing a town centre where everyone is represented and everyone is welcomed.</li> </ul>
<b>A Connected, Accessible, and Vibrant Waterfront</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaboration with WFN is key to the future of CWK.</li> <li>▪ Make it family-friendly.</li> <li>▪ Connecting the waterfront should be a key priority.</li> <li>▪ Concerned about parking and access for commercial areas. There are no side streets or space like there is in other waterfront areas.</li> <li>▪ Businesses that have started in the Gellatly area have had difficulties succeeding (e.g., Cove Restaurant).</li> <li>▪ Beaches and walkways are always full – need more space for recreation.</li> <li>▪ Relationship to WFN lands is important – currently doesn’t feel that well connected along the waterfront.</li> <li>▪ Felt that the feedback from Phase 1 did not indicate a strong outcry for more businesses. Many more people desired amenities like walkways, beaches.</li> <li>▪ Feel like many people choose to go to Peachland, Summerland, Penticton, and Kelowna because there is more there. You can ride bikes, get an ice cream. There seem to be many reasons to go to other cities to spend our money, rather than spend it in our own community.</li> <li>▪ Preservation of the waterfront is important, especially for people with families. Want to be able to walk anywhere – need more infrastructure to connect areas along the waterfront. Like the pocket destinations – there are little commercial areas for people to walk the waterfront from destination to destination – but needs connection.</li> <li>▪ A previous study on Okanagan waterfront indicated we don’t have as much accessible waterfront as other communities. That means we need to protect all that we have. We need to preserve the waterfront that we have and not fill it up with more marinas that stall waterfront usage like kayaking along our city lakeshore.</li> <li>▪ Rural culture needs to be part of it – it is key to our identity.</li> <li>▪ Difficult to envision how Gellatly Village will fit.</li> </ul>



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<b>City of Compact Neighbourhoods Where People Have What They Need Close to Home</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a great sense of place and love for WK neighbourhoods. The community is made up of special neighbourhoods – each with its own feel and differences. They’re all beautiful.</li> <li>I love the identity of my neighbourhood! I think that is a great focus for a city – promote community associations to connect and create an association of community associations to liaise with the City on a regular basis.</li> <li>West Kelowna landscape is diverse, some flat, some hills, some cliffs with dead end roads. I do not think we can put a blanket brush stroke to all neighborhoods. Some will have stores and retail; some will have none. When people buy their homes, they buy in a postal code that resonates with them. We cannot make them all the same.</li> <li>I agree all neighborhoods should be safe, and have walking trails, green spaces, beautification assets in their communities, and bike trails.</li> <li>We also need more focus on traffic calming enforcement.</li> <li>Should plan pocket commercial opportunities within these neighbourhoods – doesn’t have to be big but provide opportunities for people to get what they need.</li> <li>Neighbourhoods by the Industrial Park and Gravel pits are great (e.g., Crystal Springs) – but the area is getting busier. Shannon Lake Road is very busy and there are lots of walkers, but no sidewalks. Need to develop amenities to support neighbourhoods that have been around for a long time and are impacted by change. We need to keep the “niceness” of existing communities.</li> <li>There should be sensitive integration between neighbourhoods – love the idea of creating more connectivity and walking paths; having accessibility to what you need.</li> <li>Concern about creating silos though – don’t want to be a community of communities that doesn’t function together as a whole.</li> </ul>
<b>Collaborating to Steward These Lands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great component of the Vision – happy to see the language re: stewardship.</li> <li>There’s a strong connection for many neighbourhoods – for example, living in Casa Loma you travel through WFN.</li> <li>This could be a very beautiful relationship – and collaboration must happen for both CWK and WFN to be successful.</li> </ul>
<b>Engaged Young Minds that Will Become Future Leaders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should create strong partnerships with SD23. For example, looking at building a new high school. This high school should be a true, multi-purpose place for community. Example of the new school in New Westminster.</li> <li>There could be opportunity to collaborate at the existing school site – even if the school has to go up in height. It could be a state-of-the-art school that helps serve the entire community. This would be a great opportunity to collaborate for kids.</li> <li>Another example is Lake Country high school - with the community theatre.</li> </ul>
<b>Streets for People</b>	<p><b>Alignment with Other Plans/Policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council just endorsed the Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan which should be captured in the Official Community Plan (OCP) to ensure that the issues and directions outlined are also reflected in this process. The document does not have jurisdiction, so it needs to be aligned in the OCP. There is also an appended document that outlines cycling and trails that should be included.</li> </ul> <p><b>Active Transportation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Streets for People” is key for walking and bike riding safely and connecting with community.</li> <li>Can we outline an approach for the improvement of older neighbourhoods in terms of active transportation and other improvements? It is important to not just look at future streets and neighbourhoods, but what is happening in older and existing neighbourhoods as well to improve existing conditions for walkability and connectivity.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enhancement of safety is needed for pedestrians and cyclists on major roads like Shannon Lake Road and Old Okanagan Highway e.g., lighting, safe walking paths, bike lanes.</li> <li>▪ Improve walkability of the downtown core and the major arteries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Highway 97 Downtown</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The couplet is taking away the ability to have great downtown due to the location and alignment of the highway.</li> <li>▪ The couplet snares downtown, rather than defining where community can grow in future – it defines where transportation goes and limits opportunities.</li> <li>▪ It should be the community defining where transportation goes as opposed to the other way around. We need to make this shift. We need to make the city the focus.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sense of Place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maybe we need to work on our sense of centre as currently we don't have that.</li> <li>▪ How we might create a "sense of place" in our City in our vision.</li> <li>▪ Arts and culture can enhance city life and provide opportunities and places for people to connect and form community.</li> <li>▪ Having a sense of community is important but a suggestion is to provide neighbourhood signage that helps people identify with neighbourhoods and encourages them to take care of them. Naming our community centre may make people take responsibility and want to beautify it and make it something special.</li> <li>▪ Kelowna has really fallen flat with its community cultural centre – there is no accountability and no ownership in the community.</li> <li>▪ Our community and cultural centres are currently dispersed and a centre of gravity is missing to make things more identifiable and accessible to people. We need to make a centre, something that has many services.</li> <li>▪ City Hall needs a new location as it is difficult to find and not easily identified. The RCMP detachment reminds me of our City Hall.</li> <li>▪ Without having our own centre, then downtown Kelowna becomes the centre and the place that everyone travels too, even people in West Kelowna. With downtown Kelowna and downtown Westbank both being 15 minutes away, where do you think we're going to go? We need to establish our own downtown and make a destination for people to go to and have an interest in.</li> <li>▪ Can we consider a plaza / town centre to provide a place for people to gather and make those human connections?</li> <li>▪ Can we encourage more business development in our downtown centre?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Caring Community That Support One Another</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strong neighbourhood program that enhances safety, you know your neighbours, provides a sense of community well-being.</li> <li>▪ More initiatives for people to connect and get to know each other.</li> <li>▪ More spaces that support community connection e.g., community plaza, more active transportation, community walkability.</li> <li>▪ How many people will we pack into areas that impact our density and use of land? Will we develop an approach for short-stay / vacation rentals to accommodate more people in our community?</li> <li>▪ Interested in initiatives that encourage people to connect with their neighbours and get to know each other e.g., welcome wagon for West Kelowna.</li> <li>▪ Programs for families, access to community spaces.</li> <li>▪ Kelowna has lots of support to connect people such as personal safety programs and social programs, creating a strong sense of well being / living. I would like to see more opportunities for people to connect through social support services and have health services access.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Taking Bold Actions to Address the Impacts of Climate Change</b></p>	<p><b>Sustainability Initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Many opportunities exist that can support our goals towards sustainability.</li> <li>▪ There needs to be more work on sustainability to better highlight forest fires, lake levels, flooding, and new energy sources that speak to West Kelowna's challenges. It seems like there are many things missing that are important for West Kelowna.</li> <li>▪ Compost collection.</li> <li>▪ Storm water drainage collection.</li> <li>▪ Increasing all recycling programs to reduce vehicle traffic to the collection locations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Building Codes / Zoning Bylaws</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implement the step codes – for better building standards and design.</li> <li>▪ Design to allow people to work-from-home i.e., enact a zoning bylaws or policies that encourage more home-based businesses and work-from-home options to allow more local business growth and reduce unnecessary work travel. COVID-19 has changed the work-from-home model and this impacts the future development of cities.</li> <li>▪ Implement building codes for sustainability.</li> </ul> <p><b>Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Electric vehicle plug-in network – more options could encourage more people to choose EV.</li> <li>▪ Need to consider how to invest in and manage future growth of our electrical grid – the demands of additional buildings, housing, and infrastructure will need significant investment.</li> <li>▪ Need to focus on how we electrify our city to support electric vehicles and transportation. How do we make buses and other public transportation systems more widespread in the community?</li> </ul> <p><b>Active Transportation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interesting to see how e-bikes have changed commuting, particularly between distanced communities and even inter-city trips (e.g., Kelowna and Peachland) that make car trips less necessary.</li> <li>▪ E-bikes are really important for our trails and bicycle infrastructure as well; to promote these alternate modes of transportation, the city needs to focus on creating complete networks i.e., there are opportunities to other municipalities as well as in the hills quickly and easily.</li> <li>▪ The other side of opportunities for inter-city connection is to look at how to create opportunities to encourage people to stay within communities and work and play closer to where one lives. Do we need to make West Kelowna more livable and accessible to support viable business?</li> <li>▪ We need to make it easy for people to move around West Kelowna such as developing a loop with stops at hotels, vineyards, tourist sites, other amenities, etc. This will bring more tourists to our City. Many other big cities have these services and make their destinations accessible.</li> <li>▪ Create a complete network of active transportation routes and make sure we have places to go with safe, complete routes. Currently the network is in pieces but not connected. The Westside Trail should be completed as priority and then connect others to it.</li> <li>▪ Build infrastructure first and then provide a safe bike path to connect these locations.</li> <li>▪ Develop fully separated bike routes for all ages and abilities as anything less is not safe – cannot just be a painted line such as Boucherie.</li> <li>▪ Car share or bike share programs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fire Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Has consideration been given to pedestrians, housing, and forest fire safety? Wildfires in the past have shown just how devastating they can be to our community and the real threat we face.</li> <li>▪ A concern is if there is a second way out for Glenrosa area residents.</li> <li>▪ How do you have design neighbourhoods to reduce spread?</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Solutions for fire-prone areas to prioritize pedestrian areas and housing could include interface areas to reduce risk e.g., buffer zones, forested areas.</li> <li>▪ Promote building design that is fire smart.</li> </ul>
<b>Planning for our Future Infrastructure Needs</b>	<p><b>Infrastructure Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We need to think about our infrastructure in terms of integrating bioswales and more easements to accommodate our future growth and allow more space if needed. Cities often find themselves constrained by physical boundaries and limits that do not let them to build infrastructure. Easements can provide necessary space for forethought of future growth so we can plan effectively for our future. A long-term plan to factor in all these elements so each area is aligned (e.g., stormwater management, active transportation, roads, sewerage etc.)</li> <li>▪ Maybe we need to think about how our roads are designed, not just for cars, but our bikes and pedestrians.</li> <li>▪ Have infrastructure designs shovel-ready so when grant opportunities arise, designs are ready to be implemented efficiently – sometimes it is too late and there are funding challenges.</li> </ul> <p><b>Infrastructure Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What can we do to attract business to West Kelowna as the key to building, operating, and maintaining infrastructure is a tax base?</li> <li>▪ It is a challenge to balance the infrastructure deficit we have versus the funding available to build infrastructure, so perhaps there are opportunities to develop infrastructure that have shorter life spans to spread out the cost impacts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will there be infrastructure needed for the future that we do not have now e.g., solar, other technology?</li> <li>▪ If change happens to the point where it allows people to harness their own electricity, how can people make this happen when space is often a constraint?</li> </ul> <p><b>Sustainability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus on net zero carbon building and development in our community – be more conscientious of our climate.</li> </ul>



# APPENDIX B: WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

## COMMENTS FROM:

- ▶ Written Submissions
- ▶ "Mailbox to the Future" comments from Youth in Round 2

December 10, 2020

**RE: Feedback on the 20-year Draft Community Vision document from the Gellatly Bay Goats Peak Community Association**

Dear All Stakeholders,

We wish to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the West Kelowna visioning process and in that regard, are submitting the following comments on behalf of the Gellatly Bay Goats Peak Community Association. We truly appreciate the work that has gone into the current draft vision and support the vast majority of it. In this letter we are commenting on the area for which we are recommending change.

In particular we are concerned about the language used on page 27, “A Connected, Accessible and Vibrant Waterfront,” and on page 29, “Signs of Success.” The current draft focuses on access to food or shops for the Gellatly Bay area as the primary concern. We believe very strongly that this does not accurately represent the views expressed by the citizens of West Kelowna in the recent visioning survey and in the 2017 Amended Official Community Plan for Gellatly Bay.

At the October 13, 2020 council meeting our visioning consultant, Jana Zelenski, in response to a question from councillor Rick de Jong, indicated that the language used in the draft version would be driven in large part by the community input obtained through the survey. The survey had a very high response rate of 3.9% and was in fact the highest ever response rate to a survey conducted in West Kelowna. It was noted that respondents represented a broad cross section of our population in terms of age, location and length of residency, thus supporting its validity and accuracy. Several

members of our association reviewed the entire survey, including all the appendices and kept tally of the citizens' replies.

Our review indicated that less than 20 respondents mentioned obtaining amenities such as restaurants, cafes, pubs and shops in Gellatly Bay, (and of these many clarified that these should be small and casual). The overwhelming majority, well over 100, indicated their concern for maintaining green spaces, beaches, increased recreational opportunities and lake access. The current draft version emphasizing obtaining services is clearly inaccurate and therefore must be amended.

In that regard, please find attached to this letter revised language that may more accurately reflect the vision of the residents of West Kelowna for your review and consideration.

It is also very relevant that on September 5, 2017, West Kelowna city Council “unanimously” passed the current governing Official Community Plan for Gellatly Bay. This OCP was arrived at after several years of extensive consultation, surveys, public meetings and council meetings, and envisioned a small scale, low density development. The time, effort and thought that went into the 2017 OCP is still applicable today in determining our vision. Making access to food or shops for Gellatly Bay as the **key challenge**, could be misconstrued as a catalyst for justifying any type and scale of development over the **preservation of our major recreational area as the key challenge**.

Gellatly Bay cannot be all things to West Kelowna. It cannot be our lakefront, beach, walkway and boat launch as well as our downtown (highrises), our meeting area for culture, restaurants, cafes, pubs and shops. In such a narrow space it is simply impossible. We are not blessed with the flat area and topography of Peachland nor Penticton which have been mentioned as models. As the survey has clearly indicated, our citizens want Gellatly Bay to be the best lakeside recreational corridor it can, particularly as the city is limited in such features in the first place.

Communities that preserve some prime land for recreation are recognized as very desirable places to live. When we think of Stanley Park, Edmonton's river valley, Central Park, Frankfurt's river walk, Hyde Park, and so many more places, we see cities that looked forward and hung on to very special places that have only become more and more an essential part of quality of life in their cities.

As our city grows, the greatest challenge for West Kelowna is to preserve the limited space we have along the lake for recreation for generations to come. The highest and best use of Gellatly Bay is to create an accessible and vibrant destination for the people of West Kelowna to relax, to enjoy the beach, walking, paddling, and boating, with room for all in the future. It definitely needs to become more accessible on foot and on bike, yet people also need to be able to transport items they need to enjoy a day at the beach or on the water.

We could think outside of the box and create an amazing park with grass, trees and picnic spaces across from Willow Beach. Utilities and spaces could be built in to provide opportunities for small businesses to set up food trucks, a coffee kiosk, or markets, at times of the year when there is enough demand to support them. Or, there could be a very small-scale development with meandering sidewalks and areas of vegetation that compliment the beach and walkways. The very worst outcome would be to build large concrete structures in order to have a few small restaurants, pubs or shops and forever change the ambiance of the jewel of our area, Gellatly Bay.

We once again thank you for the opportunity to participate in this vision. The greatest legacy this council can leave all citizens of West Kelowna, is the preservation of and enhancement of Gellatly Bay to provide quality of life for generations to come.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Attachment:** Page 27 and 29 Revisions.pdf

The Gellatly Bay Goats Peak Community Association would like to put forth the following revisions in the City of West Kelowna's 20-year Draft Community Vision Document:

### **Page 27:**

**The key challenges** for West Kelowna's Gellatly Bay are the preservation and enhancement of our very limited lakefront recreation area, and its lack of connectivity to other parts of the community, thereby necessitating the use of vehicles. Participants envision a vibrant recreational area along the lake, with beach, picnic and play areas, walking and biking paths, and differentiated areas for boating and paddling, to accommodate the needs of our growing city. Any further development is small scale, with low density commercial and residential components that compliment both the area's primary recreational and agricultural focus, as well as existing adjacent neighbourhoods. While recognising the necessity for the use of vehicles, effort must also be made to increase access by trails and bike paths.

### **What We See in 2040**

- A continuous active transportation linkage from Bennett Bridge to Peachland.
- The Gellatly Waterfront is a premier recreational area with the capacity to meet the needs of the residents of West Kelowna.
- Ongoing efforts to increase and improve access to West Kelowna's lakes and waterfront areas.
- Strong multi-modal transportation connections to the water from Westbank Centre and other parts of West Kelowna.

### **Page 29:**

#### **Signs of Success**

- A preserved and enhanced recreational area on Gellatly Bay providing picnic spots, a protected paddling corridor and safe bike route.
- A small scale commercial and residential component that compliments the primary recreational function Gellatly Bay provides to our citizens, while respecting adjacent neighbourhoods.
- Improved accommodation for vehicles with boat trailers accessing the boat launch.

Note \*delete more services at Gellatly Bay

**Sent:** December 15, 2020 5:54 AM

**Subject:** Thank you from Casa Loma Community Association | Community Visioning Project

Hello Mayor, City Council, CAO, Dev Services,

Merry Christmas to everyone and hope you are doing well, as most of us lay low and stay close to home this year.

Just a quick note from the Casa Loma Community: **a big thank you to City of West Kelowna Council & Staff** for an incredible effort to really listen to the communities with this Community Visioning project. It is clear how much effort went into this project to gather feedback from the community, at a very high level of professionalism. Other communities- including the city of Kelowna- should consider taking a page out of your playbook!

As a board, we worked through the Group feedback ("Adventure C") and were extremely impressed with how thoroughly the key topics were addressed. As community members, we all spread the word (and to nobody's surprise) Casa Loma residents provided high response rates in Phase 1, and we expect the same for Phase 2.

Thanks again for listening to the community. We all look forward to seeing West Kelowna grow in a positive direction and working closely together in the years ahead.

Happy Holidays, and thanks again!

*Representative on behalf of the CLCA Board of Directors*

**Sent:** November 30, 2020 1:24 PM

**Subject:** Re: OurWK - Community Workshop DRAFT Vision Review (December 1st, 12:00 - 1:30)

Based on the materials you have sent me I can see that your mind is already made up to keep expanding the number of EMPTY or near empty buses that the vast majority of people do not want to use. For more than 40 years government has been trying to get people to abandon their single occupancy vehicles and it hasn't worked. So I just wish you would stop wasting millions of our tax dollars on public transit that people don't want. It's a useless sinkhole for money and those empty buses are NOT doing a thing to save the environment.

In addition, it is clear that you have made up your mind to create more expensive bike lanes on busy roads when there is a cheaper way to help cyclists like me to get around without having to ride on main highways where we aggravate motorists and put ourselves in danger. I wrote to EVERY Council member with a simple suggestion to use connecting pathways to link quiet residential backstreets so that cyclists could ride safely from place to place well away from main traffic flows. NOT ONE member of Council had the decency to even respond to my letter, despite my having given comprehensive examples of how this easy and relatively inexpensive cycling plan could be used. There is never any interest in saving money, only interest in taxing and spending more and more every year.

I'm not going to waste any more of my time. Go ahead and do what you are going to do anyway.

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Sent: November 12, 2020 7:14 AM

To: OurWK <ourwk@westkelownacity.ca>

Subject: Vision

Remember that many of us that live here came because the plan was "semi rural ", not a suburb or a city on its own.

Already the roads at peak times are badly overwhelmed. Further development will put us all in danger.



## **"POSTCARDS TO THE FUTURE" COMMENTS FROM STUDENT YOUTH**

Imagine our future West Kelowna in 10 to 20 years...

What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

More and Safer Bike lanes

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Imagine our future West Kelowna in 10 to 20 years...

What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

A high-speed rail network for increased public transportation and less reliance on cars and subsequent greenhouse gas emissions.

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Green transportation!



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Imagine our future West Kelowna in 10 to 20 years...

What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

- Excellent Emergency Response teams.  
eg. as well upgraded Rose Valley Fire Station
- Youth Centre for Kids  
eg. expansion of Boys & Girls Club.  
eg. in addition - rock climbing wall.



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What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

Giving homeless people a fresh new start with food, water and a good apartment in a safe neighbourhood.



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COMMUNITY THEATRE  
PARTNERED WITH  
MOUNT BOUCHERIE



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Imagine our future West Kelowna in 10 to 20 years...

What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

Sustainable, free substance

abuse + mental health centres.

We need to help the homeless,  
not criminalize + antagonize  
them.



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Imagine our future West Kelowna in 10 to 20 years...

What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

I hope by 2040  
there is an emergency  
homeless shelter &  
more funding for  
the homeless shelter  
within the city.



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Imagine our future West Kelowna in 10 to 20 years...

What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

Recreation -  
• Multiple places for youth to access activities.  
• Variety of interests. Indoor and outdoor.



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Imagine our future West Kelowna in 10 to 20 years...

What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

Better/Prettier landscaping around town. A Sky train or just a greener way to get around town and to and from Kelowna. Better Businesses and housing. Just a prettier town.



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A Community weight room used by the school during the day, with gym equipment (bikes, treadmills) too. Build it on the Smoke Pit.



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I want to see how parks/play areas with hiking trails.



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What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

I think we could have an Arcade on the westside so people don't have to drive all the way to Kelowna.



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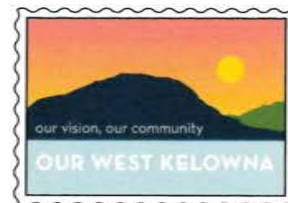
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What is **one important thing we've accomplished** by then to make our community even better?

I think West Kelowna needs more things to engage the teenage community, like having a roller arena or a bowling Alley or an outdoor Skating arena!!



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# APPENDIX C: VERBATIM COMMENTS FROM FEEDBACK FORMS

## VERBATIM COMMENTS FROM:

- ▶ DRAFT Community Vision Review  
(General Feedback Form)
- ▶ DRAFT Community Vision Review  
(5-Minute Feedback Form)
- ▶ Community Circles Feedback Form
- ▶ Youth Feedback Form

# VISION STATEMENT

## Suggested Improvements, Refinements, or Additions

### GENERAL FEEDBACK FORM

- ▶ I moved to West Kelowna 8 years ago and am so pleased to call West Kelowna home. I live on Gellatly Rd S and am quite concerned about the increase in traffic and the lack of walking & cycling paths going down to the lake. In fact, on our road, it is dangerous to walk to the lake so I have taken to driving down. At the same time there is large developments going in.
- ▶ I am pleased to see in the draft that healthy lifestyle is being taken into consideration. I would like to see many park options for families, community gardens, recreation facilities, walking and cycling creating safe accessibility to businesses.
- ▶ I am also concerned about the health of the lake and ensuring there is enough clean water for all. So far if followed through the plan looks great.
- ▶ More specifics about how you are going to improve neighbourhoods. The vision statement is very vague. My biggest dislike about West Kelowna is having to drive everywhere. Adding and improving existing parks would be something that I would like in the community vision.
- ▶ I like the "we" and together feel it has. Lots of the points I've very keen on - working with neighbours and the region, sustainability, infrastructure etc. Some of the wording feels very abstract but I suppose that's more a general vision challenge.
- ▶ I would like to see a traffic light further south on Old Okanagan Hwy perhaps...costly, but a very busy road! Also, perhaps a sidewalk on the other side of the road?
- ▶ The community first must adopt and foster a community motto: "Passion and Care for the Health and Wellness of Mother Nature, The Planet and People". And have a clear vision how that translates into the real world. We need to think outside the box of status quo mentality by developing products and services that are International caliber. Community residential resorts have to be designed and built reflecting current trends and global market analyses. Not following out of date models that were developed decades ago that reflect a far different society than we live in today. Living in harmony with nature is not continuing to cover the mountain sides with housing developments with barren landscapes. Nor communities that are not self-sustaining. A healthier world is only accomplished by every man woman youth and child understanding what a healthier world is and how to accomplish it. Commercial properties, residential communities and resorts need to be more ecologically and environmentally designed. At the center of a more resilient community is a healthier hospital environment not only for doctors, nurses and staff but patients and guests with rooftop gardens that can grow quality nutritious food year around. YES, WE CAN! People are delusional about food what it is and how it is grown.
- ▶ The vision statement is too long. I suggest it be shortened even though I agree with the overall sentiment.



- ▶ This vision statement sounds too Utopian for WK. It sounds like the perfect world, where in 20 years with some hard work and the right choices WK will be a perfect place to live. We will all be living in harmony, with our affordable housing, electric vehicles and state of the art waste management system. What is missing is the cost to the taxpayers for this unrealistic vision. When residence like myself offered our views prior, we probably were not thinking of costs either. It is an expectation that a draft of the WK vision would be altered to provide a more realistic and affordable vision.
- ▶ I am very much in support of the vision for West Kelowna with the exception of the timeline. West Kelowna was incorporated in 2008 and had an OCP in 2011, followed by a TMP in 2014 and a PBIP in 2016 yet very little has been done during this time. A target date of 2040 is simply putting off needed improvements for another two decades.
- ▶ Re: traffic improvements:
  - » WK should envision to establish better public transportation options for commuters to and from downtown Kelowna and beyond (airport and university) than the existing bus service such as Translink in Vancouver
  - » Wherever possible there should be a 30km/h speed limit in residential areas
  - » We see buses on certain routes in West Kelowna run empty most of the time, probably because routing and/or frequency are unattractive. Maybe there is room for collaboration with local taxi enterprises for a subsidized transport on call system where demand is low.
- ▶ It is very long, should be shortened.
- ▶ It seems to me that it is pre-determined to upgrade the city centre, do something with HWY97 and develop the waterfront, rather than focusing on people's needs. In my conversations, no-one talks about these items
- ▶ The vision should reflect the ability of the community to achieve the determinants of health (World Health Organization). For example, clean drinking water (not on advisories all the time), safe neighborhoods (crime free, sidewalks, bike paths), access to quality education (adequate number of schools to meet population needs with small class sizes), access to healthy food (school meal programs and food bank), childcare to support families to gain and maintain employment, access to healthcare (a hospital in West Kelowna), etc.
- ▶ Not sure that the statement about our needs being close to home adds value. WKC will also be an unusual city as we are meshed in with 2 other municipalities - WFN and RDCO. I do think the statement should note this differentiation and note the need to work closely with these municipalities.
- ▶ I think the vision does a good job describing the technical side of what 2040 would look like and I feel more could be intertwined into the wording to describe a community that is an highly desirable place to live. For me, a desirable place to live is a place that, in addition to the items in the vision statement, focuses on beautification of streets and greenspaces. I didn't get that feeling when I envisioned 2040 from your vision statement.
- ▶ Editorial mostly. Eliminate redundant words to tighten it up and eliminate certain phrases:
  - » Livable community - drop 'their cozy home'. That is hokey and meaningless on 'livable'
  - » Embrace change - drop 'the difficult'. That is in the eye of the beholder and not describable
  - » Live sustainably - drop at least 3 'the'. The sentence doesn't flow well.
  - » Quality - drop 3 'our' for same reason as above
  - » Sense of place - drop 'complete' What defines a complete neighbourhood and it is impractical for all neighbourhoods to be 'complete'.

- ▶ Currently the City is years behind other cities in all areas identified in the vision statement. There have been no apparent actions taken to date to reflect any sort of ability for the City to act on the vision.
- ▶ There are no buses in Casa Loma community. This needs to be addressed, it seems Casa Loma falls through the cracks on this.
- ▶ As I was reading the draft vision, I noticed that there are some items listed under the "What we see in 2040" columns that were a bit underwhelming and, in some cases, almost a given. That being said I allow my imagination to run wild within the boundaries of this document and found that there was enough room to imagine a future West Kelowna that truly does provide spaces, places and opportunities for all. This document does have some walls and doesn't necessarily permit open ended creativity; however, I do think it's important to have a sense of balance and scale when casting vision. This document has built a generous road in which the vision can travel.
- ▶ It will require that the councils of the day will need to be progressive enough to establish OCP's that give creative licence to build into WK's vision for the future.
- ▶ The one thing I find very frustrating is traffic flow. It is very frustrating to turn onto a street when there is no sign to identify whether you can go left or right on the highway. I would like to see signs at the entry of these side streets so you know whether you can go right or left on the highway. Most times I have to go along the highway the wrong way and turn around again. It is very frustrating
- ▶ It sounds more like a brochure to a retirement community than it is realistic. "Livable Community" is artificial. "We are in Harmony with our neighbors" is unrealistic.
- ▶ WK Vision Statement is too theoretical and abstract. It needs concrete examples of where WK is going and where it wants to go.
- ▶ Continue adding more bike lanes, marine parks, hiking trails. Your ongoing work and signage is excellent! A most exemplary example of amazing signage is at the trails of the Nordic Telemark centre.
- ▶ My biggest concern is ensuring that ease of transportation (be it via car, bus, walking, bike) expands with the significant building that is going on in WK. Old Okanagan Highway is a prime example with that apartment complex going in. (Residents trying to make their way in and out of that complex will be a challenge on an already busy road.)
- ▶ Same applies for the apartments going in near the Lordco plaza. Large volume of new inhabitants on existing roadways spells out traffic jams.
- ▶ Our transportation plans to be modified/approved in parallel with city approval of new development.
- ▶ Addition of tangible relatable content create a mental picture of what the community is about and looks like .....something like , the most coveted Okanagan community with vibrant downtown, compelling lake front, world class wine industry all the while embracing diversity sustainability and prosperity.
- ▶ The vision statement needs to directly provide an overview of history, present, & future goals in a clearer & concise manner. It needs to be simplified and possibly a tag line attached to communicate more effectively. Should be 1 paragraph.
- ▶ I think it is again VERY important to be distinctly different to Kelowna's vision of high-rises and concrete covering every square inch. It's crucial that medium-high density is steered towards Westbank Center (it would actually benefit from more humanity) and embrace the greener lower density surrounding communities with ALR/farms, greenspace, wineries, forests and open space.



- ▶ Suggestion: change last item from "unique sense of place" to "unique sense of place AND SPACE" meaning open space, green, opposite of what Kelowna is doing and West Kelowna can quickly become the more appealing of the 2 cities.
- ▶ Reducing consumption and waste is a key element in part but so is easy disposal of waste. Recycling of all waste products should be easier. Glass products are an example that should be included in our curb side pick-up like so many other Provinces.
- ▶ Smart development is a subcategory to many areas in this Vision. Don't be attracted by the development tax dollar alone. Look to the bigger impact, on all levels, for each development proposal.
- ▶ I feel there should be mention of activities and play areas for our youth to encourage families to stay in our community for their activities. I would also like to see more community events to bring us together as a community to be proud of where we live. West Kelowna lacks a community spirit or sense of belonging. It feels right now like a combination of smaller residential areas that don't even support each other. We need a joining and a true identity like Kelowna otherwise we will always just be an area to pass through to the larger city. We need to create a sense of pride by bringing people together in activities for family using our waterfront as a draw for community events.
- ▶ The trend is towards a lot of growth in West Kelowna and that needs to be recognized (beyond "Change").
- ▶ Perhaps a limit to the height of buildings to be constructed in the Gellatly Bay area is needed. The proposal of 2 11-story buildings across from Willow Beach is not acceptable - traffic, safety to beach access, evacuation in case of fire, views of people in surrounding area need to be respected and considered.
- ▶ Sidewalks and bike lanes are an excellent idea.
- ▶ I believe a stronger vision of future inter-connectivity of multi-modal transportation options between WFN lands and West Kelowna in and around the Westbank Town Center and how this could be mutually beneficial to enhance alternative secondary routes moving traffic off Highway 97, would be a high priority as a focal point.
- ▶ These vision statements are our wish lists which are lofty goals. I have two issues. Firstly, I don't believe that most people embrace change, in fact a lot of people resist change but change is inevitable and needed. I would prefer the expression "anticipate change" and would consider this to be an honest statement. Secondly the 6th statement: "we celebrate and express ..." does resonate with me and could be eliminated from the vision statement.
- ▶ I do not want to see a Peachland commercial waterfront in Gellatly Bay. I did not purchase my home in West Kelowna to stare at high rise apartment blocks that would block views of the lake. West Kelowna has already approved projects that have become legal issues for council and our residents as they were not built correctly.
- ▶ Emphasize limitation on building height and/or encourage tiering on building construction from low at front to increasing height permission to the 'back' of buildings. Encourage small private businesses in downtown West Bank and along waterfront sections. Encourage small businesses that encourage 'arts', culinary, walking, crafts, small gatherings (after Covid). Limit noise sources like bars and sports presenters. For example, there is a business on the waterfront section in Peachland that overwhelms all other activities on the evenings they are presenting live entertainment. For music consider booking performances for specific dates.

- ▶ Keep bylaw enforcement to prevent overnight camping along any main arteries such as the waterfront road in Peachland or Gellatly Rd in West Kelowna - some people spent most of the 2020 summer living in a RV parked along the road near The Cove.
- ▶ This draft community vision appears to be great for people who live or can afford to live in West Kelowna but really does not focus on affordability for new and young residents. There needs to be more focus on affordability so all demographics can live in West Kelowna, not just the rich and elderly.
- ▶ It's a great general statement for growth
- ▶ Specific ways of fulfilling this aren't there yet, but it interests us a great deal.
- ▶ One of our concerns is the ability to house more people while still maintaining the comfort and aesthetic appeal of our beautiful neighbourhoods. Renting a suite and having a short stay space can both be attained with proper space for parking if reviewed and licensed properly. On the other hand, the same suite and short stay at one residence can be a total nightmare for neighbors. Each residence should be reviewed individually to ensure it maintains a proper community standard and if not, it should be disallowed. Conversely if parking and peace with neighbors is attainable, the residence should be allowed to house both long term and short-term rentals.
- ▶ With respect to sustainability greater emphasis should be placed on our use and enjoyment of our land and waters for recreational purposes (for example Gellatly Bay).
- ▶ Also, IMO, tourism could be a major employer, source of municipal income and more should be said to foster tourism and create major tourist attractions - Boucherie Mountain for example
- ▶ The Vision Statements seemed to introduce new jargon to the document. I prefer more consistency in phrasing that correlates directly to the Foundational Elements labels of People, Places, Prosperity, Adaptability and Connectivity. For example, a livable community is open to various interpretations. I was expecting a specific vision for People. i.e., West Kelowna to become the preferred location in the Okanagan for people to live, work and play.
- ▶ I do not agree with the third statement that people generally embrace change. Most people struggle with change and so I feel it is more accurate for the community to recognize that new challenges will require the community to adapt to change. The sixth statement should be dropped. Express our unique sense of place is vague and without meaning. In summary, much of the underlying detail of the planning document is strong however the vision statements section needs more work. Rather than a series of statements I am used to seeing a more specific Vision statement such as ....By 2040, West Kelowna will be a thriving community of 60,000 residents that will be known for its quality of life and where over 50% of all residents work within 10 minutes of their home.
- ▶ Bearing in mind that a viable community requires a strong business base to employ its residents and fund its municipal activities, the vision should have more than a passing mention to its importance. Also, the vision should allow for the municipality to promote young entrepreneurs to provide a continuous rebirth of new industries.
- ▶ West Kelowna is a small family community with plans to overbuild waterfront area with tall buildings disregarding park areas and family beaches.
- ▶ This sounds like a West Kelowna I want to be part of. Achieving it may be a challenge but without a vision it's easy to flounder.





- ▶ Vision statements are only good with action and not just from developers. Anyone can say these things but if you live in the areas of new transformation and feel the city is in it for the tax dollars you feel there is no vision because you feel the change has not been great. One should feel excited by change
- ▶ A little concerned about some improvements mentioned in the different areas are in total conflict with each other. Green spaces versus industry. An example is the Gellatly walkway a green space, a well-used space for people who want to get away from traffic and commercial spaces now needing more parking for cars? Restaurants for food, shops for shopping all the things they want to get away from.
- ▶ Improved road access around the City. Get 97 out of the City and bypass it.
- ▶ I believe we need to stop the sprawl, build up, have MUCH bigger green spaces. I am living in a low-rise wood frame condo for the 1st time. Our quality of life has never been so low. There is NO privacy between floors, between buildings. You do not want to hear your neighbours having sex, peeing in the toilet, hearing the phone ring and chopping food on the counter. We previously lived in concrete & steel buildings and the worst noise was when the elevator needed adjustment. The smaller footprint allows much more efficient maintenance (HOA fees) expense once purchased. The view can be amazing if larger corridors/wider streets are planned. Secure underground parking is safer & more efficient. Single family newish residences with 10' between them on postage stamp yards can be reduced because they now have privacy, kids have many big parks (with big trees) to walk/run/play in. Newer single(?) family homes for young families have mortgage helpers and insufficient rec space
- ▶ For kids and no parking to accommodate the 3(?) families with 6 cars parking around each big home. These neighborhoods project like future squalor when the homes age 10 years. There is no quality of life: tree lined sidewalks, boulevards, space. It is not efficient and possibly many have unlicensed/non-taxed units.
- ▶ I would like to see business play a more prominent role in the vision as it provides the life blood of the community.
- ▶ Also, I would like to see a commitment to providing community parks for all neighbourhoods, as they are likely to be the only places where a community can play together.
- ▶ Is there any chance of connecting Smith Creek to Glenrosa in the future?
- ▶ Sidewalks down Elliot Rd. from Smith Creek area is a must! Improvement of Glencoe road (widening/sidewalks) as this will also become a more in use secondary route out of the Smith Creek area. The entry point to the road at bottom of Glencoe road is also in need of improvement. I'm surprised there hasn't been more accidents there.
- ▶ Sidewalks are a must for Elliot road from Smith Creek area, so we have a safe walking and biking path into the city.
- ▶ Glencoe road will need widening and improvement eventually as this will become a main secondary route out of Smith Creek, lots of people use it to go into Glenrosa area. An improved junction would be wonderful at the stop sign of Glencoe road. Also, is there any talk of a bridge to connect Glenrosa and Smith Creek area?



- ▶ Would have liked to see more on tourism and the push to bring tourist dollars into the area. To piggyback off the tourist draw to Kelowna and set West Kelowna up as an equal option when exploring the Okanagan.
- ▶ It all very Utopian and vague. I would like to have read more on how this was all to be achieved. I believe you have the priorities correct.
- ▶ It's quite generic, too vague. Needs specifics to see how people are impacted on reading them, how they will affect them personally.

## 5-MINUTE FEEDBACK FORM

- ▶ Could not print vision statement review or read online (too small and print too light)
- ▶ The draft mentions changes to how we get around our city. Our present car centric way of life is good for our resident's health, mental & social well-being ( many commuters are wasting up to 60 min+ a day in their cars. That is valuable time that could be spent on recreation to improve physical, mental & social health. It would improve the health of the environment, decrease costs of transportation (gas, insurance road maintenance, not to mention the societal cost of accidents) Please take this aspect of the community vision seriously. We need more off-road biking paths, bike parking, better sidewalks to enhance the walking safety & more frequent transit connectivity...people aren't willing or able to spend 40 minutes taking the bus to Kelowna. Thank you
- ▶ As a taxpayer your glossy rendition of a vision is all fine and well but after we start paying for our new City Hall and a lot of the other projects Taxes will have to go up! (bad).I have to admit your vision is full of catchphrases and glossy photos but with no new tax money in our coffer none of it will be realistic. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my views.
- ▶ Transportation corridors need to change to reflect the increased flow. More development means more cars. None of the roads have changed or access to services. Locals avoid the highway which makes the secondary roads busier. Many of those are in great need of repair.
- ▶ Once again Westbank Centre is being elevated above all other communities. This is simply wrong. Westbank is just one of many communities, and should no longer be treated as "The Chosen Ones" within West Kelowna.
- ▶ I don't feel we should place high rises on the Gellatly waterfront across from willow beach it's taking away from a business that's been there for years in addition the parking and congestion of more traffic and people along there will take away from the natural beauty along Gellatly. I understand the need for climate change however I don't think people only areas are a good choice or anything that will be damaging to our local forest industry that has already been faced with hard times before COVID-19.
- ▶ One of the most important items to me is sidewalks. I didn't see that addressed anywhere. Connectivity etc., Sure for new developments but what about major old roads with no shoulder? Our city is growing and traffic on inner roads is terrifying.
- ▶ It's only that the statement doesn't have actual actions or goals. It sounds amazing great wording but it leaves me wondering what it all means, perhaps that's the point as future pages will detail that.
- ▶ More diverse options for recycling. Calgary's model is the best I've seen in terms of in bin, at home waste reduction.
- ▶ I'd like to see West Kelowna care about making this an accessible community for people with disabilities. Housing for those in wheelchairs and access around town is currently not good.
- ▶ Affordability.



- ▶ As I was reading the draft vision, I noticed that there are some items listed under the "What we see in 2040" columns that were a bit underwhelming and, in some cases, almost a given. That being said I allow my imagination to run wild within the boundaries of this document and found that there was enough room to imagine a future West Kelowna that truly does provide spaces, places and opportunities for all. This document does have some walls and doesn't necessarily permit open ended creativity; however, I do think it's important to have a sense of balance and scale when casting vision. This document has built a generous road in which the vision can travel.
- ▶ We need to be very careful that new development meets the terms of the vision statement.
- ▶ It is way too broad and visionary. It says things that any community would say. It would be nice to hear some hard goals. Like building up a better industrial area. Or building "Tiny Home" communities. That sounds more interesting than "working to make residential communities' home for people in all life stages" - See the difference? Tiny home says a straight goal.
- ▶ I agree with a lot of the ideas presented in the Draft. Areas that are most important are creating a walkable Westbank Centre that pedestrians and businesses alike can thrive. Also important is to create and attract young families and working parents, and services that support families to balance out the elderly community.
- ▶ The quotation is weird... has nothing to do with West Kelowna. I noticed a few quotations in the document from prominent American figures. I think they should be removed; we are not in the United States.
- ▶ As a senior, I would appreciate steps be taken for "an age in place" option for living. At the present time there is insufficient support in place for qualified health care professionals as resources for this initiative. When requests are made for evening or night staff be present for support in our own homes, they are not available or are very expensive options long term. This is often when support is required so that the primary caregiver can sleep so they can cope with the 12 to 16 hour shift they provide day after day. I recognize this is multi-jurisdictional with all government agencies.
- ▶ We also need to educate more health care providers and supervisors of same.
- ▶ It's too fluffy and touchy feely. While I understand the intent is for the statement to be high level, this one gives me the feeling of unicorns and rainbows rather than anything that I can actually relate to. Especially the first three points (embrace, harmony, cozy home, etc.). The last three points are good, but even they could use some more clarity.
- ▶ The quotation is weird. It has nothing to do with West Kelowna. I noticed a few quotations in the document from prominent American figures. I think they should be removed; we are not in the United States.
- ▶ It's a great start! I know it's just the general stages, and the goal is to get more focused. And that is all I feel is needed. It feels too romantic, everyone wants these goals for their cities. I love this draft for our future city but I would feel more connected if the focus were more what's important right now to people. I think that is what we are trying to figure out with this which is great! What is next? What is important for Westbankers? For me, its transportation/ bike paths/walking routes that are accessible for seniors, wheelchair accessible, kid safe that connect community hub such as farms, grocery stores, beaches.

- ▶ It doesn't click with me at all. Nothing in that page reflects what I see coming from council. "Energized" Westbank Centre...What? The waterfront should be the future of this community but we have sold that off. Peachland has that part right. It's so much nicer to visit there than explore our city.
- ▶ I believe if we want a better, safer and more walkable community that we need to start immediately and whenever any work is done on the roadways that we keep that in mind. Case in point, Lower Glenrosa and Paynter recently had ditches dug to deal with rainwater runoff but what the result was is a narrower road, less room to walk or bike safely and 50% less parking on those roads.
- ▶ It's too long and reads like a list of goals. It doesn't inspire or provide direction
- ▶ I think it's important that West Kelowna completely differentiates itself from the rapidly urbanizing Kelowna - which is turning into a concrete jungle. Do the opposite, minimize the over-the-top density, stay green, beautiful and keep any new density in the city core where it is not only appropriate but needed.
- ▶ I would like to see West Kelowna adopt certain identity traits and carry that character forward in all outward facelifts and even new construction in terms of color scheme, finishing and materials. We need to see more year-round greenery in the downtown sector.
- ▶ In the livable community statement after find their place to belong, add the word "such
- ▶ To create a vibrant "downtown" town centre where people can meet and connect in an outdoor courtyard setting like a small town in Europe- with cafes and shops and restaurants all around to create a lively community atmosphere.
- ▶ Doesn't speak to safety or reduction in crime, sidewalks needed to keep children safe, walkway and bike paths for safe active living.
- ▶ I don't really see where it speaks to the economic development in the region, lowering the cost of housing and addressing issues like homelessness and policing.
- ▶ I have worked in the corporate world for decades. As such, I understand what a "vision" statement is. I imagine many people do not - I marked that I thought this reflected a vision well -- but I want to make it clear that I think we are FAR from that where we sit today. I applaud your "audacious visioning" and if we could ever have that kind of community here, I would be thrilled.
- ▶ I've helped create quite few corporate vision statements so I understand the intention is to be aspirational rather than prescriptive. However, it always helps to step back and say, "if essentially every community would include this aspiration in their vision then is it all that useful?" High marks on recognizing the somewhat unique rural and lake aspects of West Kelowna. I was looking for some acknowledgment of what has kept these assets under-utilized to-date AND what is unique in the new vision that actually addresses those constraints.
- ▶ I feel that with an aging population, convenient, comfortable/safe and accessible public transportation is essential. This is especially true for people traveling to and from medical facilities at Kelowna General Hospital and the Urgent Care Centres. B-line trips to these key places might incentivize more transit use because of their time savings and reduce the number of vehicles on the highway. Additionally, I would like to see a park and ride option for West Kelowna perhaps near the bridge or a central area. I think in conjunction with a B-line, more people would opt to take public transit around West Kelowna and to Kelowna.
- ▶ We need more sidewalks and more streetlights!
- ▶ Thank you.



- ▶ More detail as to how the waterfront access expansion would work
- ▶ Most Commercial Wineries work in a neighbourly way with adjacent residential communities. This is inconsistent and so needs to be addressed.
- ▶ Not sure at this time.
- ▶ I think I'd like to have something a little less philosophical and a little more concrete and practical.
- ▶ Our roads need a big improvement and whomever is fixing the potholes needs to go to Alberta to learn how to do it properly. The patching work for potholes is terrible.
- ▶ Love what I see but would like to highlight that density should be concentrated downtown. Also, build up a town centre with character off of the highway. As mentioned, keep agricultural feel and preserve natural beauty of WK.
- ▶ You could be describing any community. It's vague, non-specific and not reassuring at all. All I see in West Kelowna are box stores and new soulless buildings. The town center has a lot of potential.
- ▶ The surest prediction that we can make about a WK park is that it will be empty. The second prediction we can make is that No Dogs will be allowed. Not one meter of our recreation trails permits off-leash dogs. The existing areas -3- for of leash dogs, are dog toilets. I would like to see parks for people, people with dogs. Areas to run, walk, ride a bike with my dog off leash. Shade, water, picnic tables, etc. You need to visit other jurisdictions to see what they do. Beaches, ball parks, become off leash areas in the off season. Some inner cities use scheduling - off leash 6-10AM and 6-10PM when the parks are empty. Your annual survey doesn't even ask about dogs.
- ▶ Reads very generic; it doesn't account for cultural diversity or First Nations people in the community.
- ▶ It is very long, perhaps summarizing it more succinctly so that it could be posted and more visual in the community. It lacks any mention of the fact that we live in the unceded territory of the Westbank First Nation and what our vision for partnership with WFN is. It also lacks information on diversity as a value of the community.
- ▶ Too much emphasis on unrealistic goals. Private vehicles will still be the dominant form of transportation in West Kelowna and has been completely overlooked in this vision statement. It needs to be prioritized. Second in priority to efficient vehicular arterial connections would be sidewalks. Bike lanes are NOT in demand in West Kelowna except from a vocal minority and should not be a priority. Focus on vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The pandemic has shown us that mass transit is a poor alternative to the private vehicle.
- ▶ Your vision needs to give west Kelowna a proper downtown where people can gather.
- ▶ Start charging developers to put in sidewalks etc. Tax burden needs to stay in new subdivision rather than charge through property taxes. Old Okanagan highway to Shannon lake road is frightening for anyone trying to walk along it.
- ▶ Lack of planning for new housing developments drives me crazy. You blow up mountains to create new land to build new homes and give literally no consideration for what an extra 1000 cars will do to the traffic and totally ignoring the fact that our subdivisions are already busy with too many cars already Who authorizes this ludicracy?
- ▶ Our street is so dark that I would never walk down it alone. We have two measly streetlights for a super large area of homes. Why?

- ▶ Talus Ridge Drive is a drag strip and the louder the muffler the better. That noise heads straight into our back yard. Either put speed bumps in or cameras to slow these thoughtless people down. And by the way, these mufflers should be banned, and our local stores shouldn't be selling them.
- ▶ Given how important "water" is to the viability of our community from an economic development, tourism & lifestyle perspective I believe we need stronger goals tied to "sustainable use and management of water" and "sustainable use and protection of fragile aquatic ecosystems and marine resources". This needs to include a strong agricultural commitment towards a shift to more organic practices to reduce harm to our ecosystem
- ▶ The vision mentions newcomers, residents, businesses and industry, but should have more focus on a place for families.
- ▶ Sounds wonderful, but short on specifics and maybe a little idealist
- ▶ With the amount of increased housing complexes, condos, etc., Traffic solutions need to be examined especially on Gellatly road by McDonalds and A & W.
- ▶ Vision is great- downtown core needs to be made attractive. Mid income housing has to be built and also taxes must be kept reasonable for the diverse population -including families and seniors or you will force these away and you will be left with a community only for the wealthy.
- ▶ West Kelowna is quite lacking in sporting facilities and parks that can involve kids, youth and adults all together. Sports fields are needed as a gathering and rec space.
- ▶ We have lots of linear parks and undeveloped parks and properties marked as parks but which are in reality weedy hillsides of no practical use.
- ▶ I would like to ask what is the point of attracting families to live here and not make it fun to stay?
- ▶ The City had to be bullied into building the soccer dome.
- ▶ The City seems to be reluctant to build new parks that require maintenance. Guess what, parks that don't require maintenance aren't fun for kids and youth.
- ▶ Look at what the City of Kelowna has done and is planning for parks. The excuse that we are a young city has run out after 13 years post incorporation. If not now, when?
- ▶ There is only a limited amount of suitable land to purchase and as each plot of land is sold off there is even less to add. If you can't afford to develop the parks now, that is no excuse. Buy the property now and develop later.
- ▶ In light of the pandemic, I think there will be a long-term shift away from business centres as we have known them as many professionals will be able to continue to work from home.
- ▶ Attracting these professionals that were historically attached to working in large cities to work from home but live and play in West Kelowna should be considered.
- ▶ Preserving our parks, shoreline, natural spaces and ensuring land in the ALR is used for its intended purpose is critical. These spaces are what make West Kelowna an incredible place to live and once those spaces are gone, they cannot be returned to their original state.



## COMMUNITY CIRCLES FEEDBACK FORM

- ▶ We believe that each component of the vision statement should reflect the importance of the lake and West Kelowna's agricultural benefits. We also believe there should be one name for the region - West Kelowna or Westbank but not both.
- ▶ This feedback is from the Casa Loma Community Association Board. We can't paint West Kelowna as all the same throughout various neighborhoods. Neighborhoods are very unique and very different. I.e., Casa Loma. Our initial reaction is very good, but a few places we believe it could be improved.
- ▶ Some in our group think it could be condensed and a little shorter.
- ▶ About half of our group think the Vision Statement could be condensed and more to the point; this appears to be more of a Value Statement. Otherwise, very good content.

## YOUTH FEEDBACK FORM

- ▶ The DRAFT vision statement shows a 404 page and is unavailable to view. How are we supposed to answer to something that is unavailable? And frankly this website sucks and has a horrible layout :(
- ▶ It sounds good.
- ▶ I think that most of these things should be getting changed sooner than in 20 years.
- ▶ These statements have little to no value for what 2040 should look like, I expected there to be big plans not just wanting to have a friendly community.
- ▶ I feel like it was all just statements being made without any proof to follow through to make our community like this. I think one of the things that could be improved is putting some roundabouts in certain places. There are also certain parts in West Kelowna that I don't feel comfortable walking by myself.

- ▶ To create more hiking trails and campgrounds to get more people come through our town and figure out that our community is beautiful and possibly even sometime in the future move into West Kelowna or a surrounding city.
- ▶ Well maybe add a bit about being more LGBTQIA+ friendly just to make sure that you get the support of all communities
- ▶ I think you could add more about you do not discriminate against races, cultures, etc.
- ▶ I think we could definitely have more places in West Kelowna for recreational activities in the winter. During the summer there is quite a bit to do, but the winter can be less exciting.
- ▶ Youth should be incorporated. There is nothing for the youth to do in west Kelowna. I would like to see better transportation within the city and I would also like to see more shopping
- ▶ I think it could be better by adding more entertainment things like a youth center or maybe more stores for shopping and coffee shops around.
- ▶ I think that Youth and their voice has been left out. There is nothing for youth to do in West Kelowna, we should have more community centers and businesses that focus on youth.
- ▶ Youth has nothing to do here.
- ▶ I think that West Kelowna should have better bus service.
- ▶ More things for teenagers to do and more affordable housing
- ▶ It should have more places where students can go to gather and relax and have fun...indoor and outdoor. I would like lots of bicycle paths...and sidewalks! Especially for kids to walk to school.
- ▶ Youth should be incorporated. There is nothing for the youth to do in West Kelowna.

- ▶ There's nothing for youth to do in West Kelowna. I think there should be more places to go shopping.
- ▶ Cheaper stuff
- ▶ How can we make the draft better? I feel like they should focus on how they want to improve on these topics and when they will proceed with it. Involve the youth into this, there is nothing to do unless they into Kelowna. Which is not fair. house prices are getting insane, were young kids. how are we going to afford to live here after high school?
- ▶ I would say the statement was fine. I just feel like there's room to improve but I don't know what specifically. Although I feel like they should acknowledge how boring West Kelowna is, and how far you have to drive to be able to do something.
- ▶ I think that youth and their voice has been left out there is nothing to do in west Kelowna for youth.
- ▶ A free outdoor parkour course airsoft field.
- ▶ Stop making houses so expensive.
- ▶ I think that there should be more things.
- ▶ I think that there should be more things for youth to do. You have to bus to Kelowna for there to be something for youth to do. Like go shopping in any stores that youth want to shop at. I think that buses should come more often since you have to wait 1-2 hours normally for a bus that isn't the 97 since we can't drive till 17, I believe that there should be more transportation accessibility.
- ▶ Okay, this city right now is pretty well, but this vision is leaving out us youth with our education, there's not a whole lot to hang out anywhere, it is not livable for youth really. And one of my own complaints is that it doesn't address mobility from Peachland to here, we don't have cars or an actual good way of going to places here. When I am driving with my mom she can barely get anywhere because of the U-turns and blocked-off roads. Unhappy.
- ▶ Youth are left out. There is nothing for the youth to do.
- ▶ I think there should be more plans to do with youth, there's nothing for me to do in west Kelowna I can go to Walmart that's it.
- ▶ Maybe you could talk a bit more about youth/ children. There is not really anywhere for youth to hang out and explore, we have nothing to do. You did a really good job at explaining what you want West Kelowna to look like but you said nothing about housing taxes and mobility without a vehicle of your own.
- ▶ Youth are left out. It's not a livable community for youth, there's nothing to do. Also, transportation is a big issue for youth.
- ▶ I think there should be even more things about the environment to better it. I also think there should be more fun things for the youth, not a livable community for the youth. Maybe add some carnivals.
- ▶ Youth are left out, affordability of housing.
- ▶ Youth are left out. It's not a livable community for youth as there is nothing for us to do. It also doesn't address mobility. There's not much mobility for youth and the people with no cars.
- ▶ Youth are left out. Not a livable community for youth. There's nothing to do. Also need more protected parks and land.
- ▶ Make it reasonable.
- ▶ This is lacking anything about or for the youth.
- ▶ Youth are left out. It is not a livable community for youth because there is nothing to do. It also does not address the mobility for people who don't have cars especially like teens. It could talk more about buses and traveling options.





- ▶ Youth are left out, it's not a livable environment and there's not enough to do. There's also not much mobility for youth as a lot of the city buses don't come often enough.
  - ▶ Youth are left out it's not a livable community for youth there's nothing to do and nowhere to go. Not a lot of mobility not easy to get around if you don't have cars aka youth.
  - ▶ Need more food places.
  - ▶ This description alludes at the possibility of affordable housing but it needs to directly address the housing crisis. It also needs to address the homeless crisis they need more affordable housing as well as a shelter that is properly staffed as well as funded.
  - ▶ We need more activities for the youth.
  - ▶ I have no concerns
  - ▶ Clarification as for how our city will live sustainably -- ideally with a set date as well!
  - ▶ I feel like adding more ethnic touches to west Kelowna would be good. It makes west Kelowna more inclusive and gives a sense of belonging to people who have a more diverse background.
  - ▶ More bus routes and stops.
  - ▶ Less traffic incidents.
  - ▶ I like the natural land and how it looks during the spring and it's just green. It makes it look so pretty.
  - ▶ We need to include everybody and make sure each person who lives in West Kelowna has easy access to clean water, safe living, and a good education.
  - ▶ I want more things to do when I'm bored.
- ▶ Hi there. I have not fully read the draft (yet). But my initial comments are that the visuals in the document are not inclusive. I believe I only saw white people. I don't believe I saw anyone persons with disabilities. Have committees representing these groups been specifically engaged? Studies show if people do not visually see themselves represented, they will most likely not support the cause. Please consider this. If as a white able-bodied person, I notice this off the bat, I only imagine how left out those who are not would feel.



# FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS

## Suggested Improvements, Refinements, or Additions

### GENERAL FEEDBACK FORM

#### OVERALL

- ▶ The cultural considerations and working with our local First Nations is so important.
- ▶ I think that there are a couple of missing elements that could be more explicit: caring for and supporting vulnerable populations (e.g. consider the determinants of health) and increased/improved access to health care services.
- ▶ Add: Our Overall Health and Wellness. This speaks to the ability of West Kelowna's residents to have access to resources that impact their determinants of health.
- ▶ I particularly like the vision of a transformed Westbank Centre and the focus on protecting green spaces and having a connected and vibrant waterfront.
- ▶ I have some concern about the goal of an additional 5,000 household in 20 years which could be low unless we adhere to the practice of thoughtful development. We also need to understand the vision for WFN so that we can better understand the infrastructure needs for all on the Westside.
- ▶ I do support the vision away from single occupancy cars but I also believe that WKC will continue to be, to high degree, a bedroom community to Kelowna. Transportation infrastructure to/from Kelowna needs to be addressed in a growing WKC.
- ▶ More focus on recreation.
- ▶ One of the issues that does not seem to be addressed is densification vs green site development, the consequences of both and the remedial actions that should be discussed. Many of my conversations are around these issues.
- ▶ We are not moving away from single passenger vehicles - is that a motorcycle? We may be moving from fossil fuel vehicles, but that isn't mentioned. How is WK going to affect anything related to Climate Change? Our carbon footprint is so small on a global scale compared to Mexico, India and China, if we forced all drivers to stop driving fossil fueled vehicles for 1 year, it would make no difference in climate change, so why are we even discussing this?
- ▶ I feel we should have a stand alone element titled "our future" and then collapse all future content from other elements into it. our future guided by global, societal and local trends....always in focus.
- ▶ The language in this draft sounds too utopian and should be changed to reflect the down to earth WK folks. 20 years is not along time and with the shortage of funds available to the City it would not be realistic to believe that they or the Province could provide enough affordable housing or transit to accommodate WK. People are used to taking their vehicles when they travel to Kelowna and beyond. Electric vehicles are not cheap, how realistic would it be to assume that most folks will change their current habits. Also, WK should not be referenced as a town as it is a city with big city issues.



- ▶ Not sure it is a foundational element, or part of our Vision (maybe part of our celebrating and expressing our unique sense of place), but there is nothing to suggest how we express who we are to the outside world. What makes us stand out relative to neighbouring municipalities that could be easily articulated to the region, the province and throughout Canada? What is our brand and possibly our slogan? As in places like Kimberley, Canmore et al.
- ▶ All Utopian concepts that do not address the fundamental needs of the City.
- ▶ Again, too theoretical. How will WK take these "foundations" forward.
- ▶ Looks great!
- ▶ Under our adaptability, change the word "embrace" to "anticipate". Under our prosperity, change "places to shop" to "access goods and services". Most importantly I have not seen a statement in this document that refers to "safe" places. Shouldn't feeling safe in our community be a priority?
- ▶ Council approves subdivision readings which are changes from previous community vision plans without getting input from residents. Then residents have to set up their own input methods of trying to deal with possible large changes to their ability to just enjoy a peaceful walk around Gellatly Bay.
- ▶ Glad to see a well-rounded response. Still more focused on the current residents, not those who cannot afford to live in West Kelowna.
- ▶ With respect to our places, emphasis should be placed on maintaining what green spaces and recreational areas we have.
- ▶ The wheel helped to present the information in a more understandable context.
- ▶ Keep the parks and waterfront in mind and do not over build simply for tax revenue.
- ▶ Excellent job of synthesizing and presenting information gathered and kudos for engaging the community along the way.
- ▶ These need to be implemented not just preached. I find in some areas they are not and some are. I know it all comes down to dollars, so you cannot get there tomorrow.
- ▶ The draft is a lovely worded document. Is there a place where the more specific ideas are put forth?
- ▶ For example, beautiful buildings refers to a new city hall, but does it address the antiquated water infrastructure that needs updating (above and beyond Rose valley), sidewalks, connecting the fragmented city with walkways, green space, shuttles?
- ▶ Shouldn't "Collaborating to steward these lands " be in places. Putting it number 1 in Prosperity send the message that looking after the environment is more important than having the money to look after the environment - surely that is not correct.
- ▶ Where is training our bright young minds to become entrepreneurs?
- ▶ Sidewalks
- ▶ Winters up this high are quite snowy, Smith Creek area needs to be on a priority list for snow removal and sanding. We have narrow winding roads, and traffic will only increase as homes get built.
- ▶ Again, too generic, without specifics. It has the "feel goods" and the "we're a team" without the specifics of what the changes will be, how we are to adapt, what changes to the waterfront and infrastructure, so people can have clear knowledge on how it affects them.
- ▶ I do not believe this draft was put together by an engineer or input from engineers educated in the of developing towns or communities.

## OUR PEOPLE

- ▶ Yes, be specific, what changes to the waterfront? How will we adapt, how many high-rises, located where? How high? Are we making it to be a busy place? Will the quaintness and peacefulness be kept? etc.
- ▶ Very "nice-nice like". Of course we want a nice place surrounded by friends and family. This is the minimum I would expect. The vision is just too perfect and clinical.
- ▶ Carat 1 - could be "Community parks in every neighbourhood".
- ▶ Engaged young minds that will become leaders (also signs of success) - I would like to see a thriving young entrepreneur program added - that is one way of growing our industrial base to pay for the civic developments we all want.
- ▶ A healthy community that supports healthy individuals...Should read: a community that supports healthy living or choices. The statement as it exists implies that the community will support those that are healthy! I would like educational opportunities to be more explicit.
- ▶ We need more current demographic profiling. Generally better paying work & opportunity are in the big cities. Young workers go there to establish and ultimately move back to their roots to retire. Are we going to be a city of mainly seniors?
- ▶ We have lived here for thirty years because of the people in this community.
- ▶ Embracing diversity is never more important than today.
- ▶ Emphasis on being a healthy community, both in terms of health facilities and recreational opportunities.
- ▶ I would like to see a higher education facility (BCIT, SFU, or OK College campus) in West Kelowna.
- ▶ Please remove the image of a high-rise from the logo for "an opportunity for each of us to feel at home from this document. It implies that high-rises are in our future and I totally disagree with that concept. High-rises are a blight on our beautiful landscape and belong only in densely populated urban centres! Otherwise I support the pages regarding Our People.
- ▶ People should feel at home and want to be engaged in their community.
- ▶ Excellent and well worded.
- ▶ We have to have a complete buy in of all our community. Our WFN neighbors are part of this and should participate.
- ▶ I see this community as one where pride in it is shared by all. I have only been here 9 months and I am amazed at the work that goes into the parks and public spaces!
- ▶ Not sure I saw enough on the homeless people.
- ▶ If there was concern for the people there would have already been investment in water quality, walkways, and infrastructure to service the people's needs.
- ▶ Signs of success should be quantifiable, meaningful and measurable, what does "universal accessibility in community destinations" really mean, there are more examples. Signs of success should have targets, goes for every section. Education/ retraining is a lifelong activity, there is mention of it in Signs of success, but not in the copy/ text.
- ▶ Revise: Unique community spaces that can be enjoyed by everyone regardless of their abilities.
- ▶ Revise: A reconciled community between indigenous & non-indigenous citizens.
- ▶ Revise: Opportunities for all citizens to share their cultures and traditions through events, celebrations, & art.
- ▶ Revise: Resources to welcome newcomers so they can join our neighbourhoods & workforce.



- ▶ Revise: A place that welcomes families and supports family programs, sports, activities, childcare, & youth-involvement.
- ▶ What we see in 2040: -Strong health services & facilities. Integrated active living for seniors within the community. Community access to our sustainable local quality foods. Where the Action Is! Increased modern recreational indoor activities & outdoor recreational areas.
- ▶ Young Minds - Our Future Leaders: Diverse integration of our youth within our community in areas such as agriculture, arts, community care, & education. Outdoor education programs. Location industry education programs. Post Secondary University or College Campus. Youth involvement in urban planning. Youth engagement in local business & industry.
- ▶ It says: "A healthy community supporting healthy individuals." Are we not supporting the sick, elderly, challenged, and injured? What about supporting those that choose alternative health options other than pharmaceuticals, surgeries, and regular health options?
- ▶ Signs of success should be quantifiable, meaningful and measurable, what does "universal accessibility in community destinations" really mean, there are more examples.
- ▶ Signs of success should have targets.
- ▶ Education/ retraining is a lifelong activity, there is mention of it in Signs of success, but not in the copy/ text.
- ▶ Would just suggest that we will not be able meet all health needs in WKC. We are lucky that we have easy access to a first rate hospital in Kelowna.
- ▶ Is their data to support your claims of signs of success? Consider including a reference list to guide readers to where this information came from.

## OUR CONNECTIVITY

- ▶ A vibrant cultural scene needs a wide variety of interest and appeal to a vast cross section of people. It will have far more appeal if it is multifaceted. Again I have this in Power Point and how it ties into other aspect of OCP.
- ▶ It's been 13 years since incorporation. We can not wait another 20 years (2040) to improve our ATI. A much more aggressive and faster roll out is needed.
- ▶ Please see my previous comments on traffic
- ▶ Bear Creek Road is deadly to anyone walking and I've heard nothing about improving it to allow children to walk to school safely, or anyone else to walk anywhere in that neighbourhood safely.
- ▶ Collaboration with regional neighbours - YES! Westbank, Kelowna etc. Lots of opportunities to work better together. Transportation shift - YES.
- ▶ A vibrant cultural scene that has a wide variety of interest and appeal to a vast cross section of people. It will have far more appeal if it is multifaceted. Again I have this in Power Point and how it ties into other aspect of OCP.
- ▶ Good
- ▶ In a perfect Utopian world, you have a great description of what dreamers may want to see. In reality, what WK needs is a major highway that vehicles can travel through without stopping every few blocks for a traffic light where they sit and increase our carbon footprint. As much as we would like to see vehicle use diminish, it is not likely to happen. Majority of residents are not going to take public transit or ride a bike. Even if we all went to e-vehicles, we will still have huge issues with traffic flow as 97 sits now. It needs to have more lanes and no stop lights, which means we need to change the system of entrance and exits to make traffic merge in and out in a better flow.

- ▶ Focus on the history of each unique community and neighbourhood of WK. Connect each area through pathways/sidewalks & areas for movement/transportation.
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- ▶ I think this is good. Specifically connection to open space, beauty, are key. The Okanagan's key benefit is this specific point, and becoming a mini-Vancouver is the opposite of what we should be striving for.
- ▶ Great to see all part of this. I really like the shift from cars to bikes and walking. Streets need drastic upgrades.
- ▶ Vehicles are required to get to places where we can all walk.
- ▶ I believe a stronger vision of future inter-connectivity of multi-modal transportation options between WFN lands and West Kelowna in and around the Westbank Town Center and how this could be mutually beneficial to enhance alternative secondary routes moving traffic off Highway 97, would be a high priority as a focal point. Also, finishing the linear park along Gellatly Rd from Witt Road to Boucherie Rd
- ▶ Adherence to speed limits seems a bit arbitrary and understandably difficult to continually enforce and therefore emphasizes need for pedestrian and cycling friendly paths especially on well used routes including wine routes (Boucherie).
- ▶ This is a big one....Not much control over this as it is in government hands and Ministry of Highways hands. One bridge one highway and one much ignored rural area has left this area in a terrible situation. If this is for goals to work towards, we need another bridge, a bypass high up in the hills to connect the entire Westside to the connector and down the Westside of the lake to Kamloops.
- ▶ In town get the Highway ministry to lower the speed limit to 50. For the two blocks through town....Right now it's a speedway. Continue to develop walkways connecting neighbourhoods away from highways, build bike ways, sidewalks etc.
- ▶ Do not wait till 2040 . Every new building or development puts pressure on everything we do. There is a chain reaction that affects all of us. So if you cannot understand these reactions down the road or right away as a council community we are in trouble. We need planners, as in older European cities that understand this, to be working this future vision. You can see what they have been able to achieve.
- ▶ Adherence to speed limits seems a bit arbitrary and understandably difficult to continually enforce and therefore emphasizes need for pedestrian and cycling friendly paths especially on well used routes including wine routes. Consider pedestrian and cycling overpasses over/under HWY 97. Comments made here can help to reduce growing vehicular traffic, CO emissions and contribute to health and well being.
- ▶ If our WK population was 60,000 by 2040,<sup>13</sup> complete communities would each have 4600 people, which would not be enough to support quality retail outlets, a variety of grocery stores, cafes, etc. 13 is too many separate areas, perhaps 3 complete communities.
- ▶ This is true, we don't really have a downtown area, the original planning was very disjointed, with First Nations lands bordering the town. The town doesn't have a walking, stopping, coffee and luncheon atmosphere like the downtown Kelowna. so we drive to a strip mall, and buy and leave.



- Connectivity will be difficult given our mountainous landscapes. If we were to stop expanding out & build up in the flatter areas. The more desirable flatter areas would be suitable for walking paths along the shore (which we would have to buy back) with huge green spaces. This would be reasonable for people to get out of their cars and walk to work. A network of 20 person ferries could be part of the transit system to link the 3 communities along the shore. A big central market open 18/7 (like Granville Market in Vancouver or Lonsdale Quay in North Vancouver) would provide 1 spot for constant quality fresh foods, retail shops and art & culture & eateries. Loose the redundancy of 13 tiny markets with questionable freshness & variety. There might even be a fast ferry to move people without cars from Kelowna to WK.
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- Throughout the who draft report I'm reading the Utopian dream. We need to see and feel positive change and how that will be achieved not just "what we'd like".

## OUR ADAPTABILITY

- Change is inevitable. Change is not always for the best of all, or in the best interest of all. Growth can be good or bad. Stability is good, health is good. Adapting to embrace a change that a large majority of our town don't want isn't being adaptable, it's being pushed on humans who moved here because this wasn't Kelowna. Adaptability goes both ways, including for those that want HUGE changes for their own reasons and don't get it.
- Could you give an example of "bold action"?
- Now we know that any second transmission line is like to cost \$200million could we not develop our own back up by wind ( up on Penask), solar or wave power (there is a constant current/ flow in the lake) - surely a better use of \$200m.
- Taking bold actions to address climate change - Now we know that any second transmission power line is like to cost \$200million could we not develop our own back up by wind ( up on Penask), solar or wave power (there is a constant current/ flow in the lake, plus Powers Creek, Bear Creek and others) - surely a better use of \$200m - generate the power near us.
- Planning ahead for infrastructure needs - and signs of success - park land needs to be acquired/ reserved (not necessarily paid for till needed) for community parks in each neighbourhood so that parks can be developed as funds become available - otherwise developers will scoop up the best sites and when parks are needed the only land will be on the outskirts of the expanding city and inner neighbourhoods will suffer.
- In part, visions for connectivity and adaptability go hand in hand. Careful planning on infrastructure such as roads and ensuring the addition of pedestrian/ cycling paths should be part of any new community planning going forward without question.

- ▶ Three community hubs would really reduce our infrastructure, water, sewage, roadways & transit needs. Fires wouldn't be so dangerous if we didn't have homes at the top of mountains. Fires burn up. The lake floods and we should not have to pay to protect those few vulnerable lake front homes.(Sadly, we would have already had decent drinking water if we didn't have to support private waterfront homes from flooding). Waterfront should be for many, not a few.
- ▶ The focus of this survey is adaptability. We all need to be adaptable to change as it comes along. This year has been an exercise in adapting to change. Change is welcome if done affordably for the taxpayers of the city. Adaptability equals affordability.
- ▶ Adapting housing to accommodate more residence without disrupting the neighbors/neighborhood
- ▶ We really need to look at allowing both long term and short stays in the same home. If this can be obtained with minimal disruption to the community and neighbors it should be allowed.
- ▶ Emphasis on assuring infrastructure needs prior to development.
- ▶ Many land developer projects seem to get readings without any consideration for infrastructure/ schools and why they are not paying for it.
- ▶ Good to see long-term infrastructure needs identified. There will be so much infrastructure replacement required.
- ▶ Adapting to growth in a graceful way that expands opportunities but avoids the negative impacts (traffic, cost of housing etc.)
- ▶ Looks good- stay committed to a path.
- ▶ Adaptability is a two way street. Let's not be one sided like so many other cities. Let's also focus on the whole cart and not just the squeaky wheel.
- ▶ Image should be something more relatable that ties in all points: E.g. A child on a paved neighbourhood street throwing out fall leaves into a green landscaping bin with the house in the background that has solar panels on the roof. Or 4 photos that explain the adaptability such as 1)Infrastructure construction 2) building/treatment plant 3) person running faucet 4) A photo that the average person can relate to.
- ▶ While we should all focus on all environmentally damaging actions/products, to what extent do we address this and at what cost to consumers? Unclear as to what is being suggested as there is nothing specific or concrete as to what "climate conscious changes" are or how they will help. Sounds like another PR piece for a retirement community.
- ▶ Recycling - we need a process that does not require a PhD to figure out how to use it or web instructions that tell you to do one thing and a recycling centres that tells you differently. Simplify the process should be considered.
- ▶ When we think about climate change, we need to think primarily about carbon sinks. What is the biggest carbon sink in the world, Healthy Soil? Any chemicals used in agriculture especially the wine industry will eventually reach the lake which will turn it into a dead zone. We are part of nature does not separate from nature what we do to nature we eventually do to ourselves. An NPK approach to agriculture is a futile approach not only to agriculture, water ways but the ultimately the Health of Mother Nature, The Planet and People.
- ▶ I like this element. The statement Preparing to be nimble..Should read Preparing to be nimble and responsive to change and embrace new opportunities. I love Taking bold actions to address the impacts of climate change.





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## OUR PROSPERITY

- ▶ Infrastructure future planning - YES, so important to services being delivered by the city. Climate change, reducing waste...Yup!
- ▶ Food is one thing; nutritious food is quite another. Food has now become the number hook in travel. Chefs can make food look good and taste good. But they can not make it nutritious. (CNN)America's poor diet is not just bad for us. It is now considered a threat to national security. Diet-related illnesses are a growing burden on the United States economy, worsening health disparities and impacting national security, according to a white paper published Monday in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. Poor nutrition is the leading cause of illnesses in the US, with unhealthy diets killing more than half a million people each year, a group of experts who have formed the Federal Nutrition Research Advisory Group. Poor nutrition is the leading cause of illnesses in the US. About 46% of adults in the country have an overall poor-quality diet, and this number goes up to 56% for children, according to the paper. These increases in health spending, the advisory group said, affect government budgets, the competitiveness of the US private sector and workers' wages.
- ▶ Through proper growing, branding and marketing of verifiable high quality nutritious foods with hard work and perseverance we can get Kelowna on the map connecting all the dots with other suggestions already made. More data in my PowerPoint!
- ▶ You talk about the importance of trees, yet there is no restriction on people removing trees that help make a neighbourhood and our community livable.
- ▶ It is important we coexist with agriculture; and it's important that we support our industrial tax base, but those businesses must also respect the natural environmental features around them: industry must not be permitted to encroach on nearby ponds and wetlands or we lose the quality of life, and life itself, you say are so important.
- ▶ Businesses pay for much of how West Kelowna will develop, it seems wrong to have such an important section, so far back in the document.
- ▶ Well written. I do want to reinforce the need for collaboration with WFN. Many of what is envisioned in the "Our Prosperity" section can not be achieved without the support of WFN.
- ▶ More fluff. "One of the beauties of this area is looking over pastures and orchards and the food security it can bring." If 11% of WK is agriculture and that means fruit, wineries, cideries, distilleries, this hardly generates any sort of food security. My guess is that at least 95% of food in WK is brought in from outside the area and outside the country. While I like that the intent is to keep agriculture active in WK, I'm not sure that the approach shown is creating any meaningful forms of long-term sustenance. Agriculture in WK has moved far away from being integral to the food-belt and far more tied to alcohol production and tourism, which is fine, but let's not try to paint a different picture. We are part of wine-country, so let's promote that as a community benefit.



- ▶ Prosperity comes on many levels not just the almighty dollar. Stay smart and listen to the people. If they are happy then you fulfill all levels of prosperity.
- ▶ Again, very good.
- ▶ Prosperity to serves the entire community.
- ▶ I have concerned that development and the tax the city will derive from them will take precedence over communities that are already prosperous and can not handle more development.
- ▶ Good places to shop and play and recreate. Suggesting that recreation and sport are as important as shopping and that can include things such as commercial tourist resorts.
- ▶ I absolutely love the idea of West Kelowna being recognized as a modern agricultural city. Thriving business, lots of opportunity to play, cleanliness and all in a city that embraces agriculture. It paints a beautiful picture and gives us an identity. Currently our identity is basically dependent on the fact that we are next to Kelowna. This could really change all that.
- ▶ I support this section. Need to focus on more professional services and offices too.
- ▶ Agriculture does not need large buildings placed on their land for no other reason than for advertising their site. i.e.: buildings that are proposed towers or look like bombed out shelters.
- ▶ Emphasis on collaborating on stewardship of our lands.
- ▶ Each residential property should be allowed to put out their shingle as doing business has changed and many are working from home. Having a zone that doesn't allow this is ridiculous in this day and age.
- ▶ Tourists do not add to the local residents, just a few businesses, so let's not sell our city out to tourists.
- ▶ When commencing planning for major comprehensive development plans, ensuring there are various housing options made available. This can be done, by providing incentives to the development community such as more density allowed, provided "purpose-built" rental housing is incorporated, etc.
- ▶ The urban/agricultural blend so evident in West Kelowna is precisely what draws me to the area. With anticipated population growth in the coming years and imagined expansion of housing builds, continued and possibly enhanced support for agricultural initiatives will be paramount to keeping this balance.
- ▶ Build 2 great hospitals that will attract many jobs, spin-off industries, be of value to residents. If we are going to be a city of mainly seniors, we need jobs to entertain, support and care for them. (Sadly, caring for seniors is not that fulfilling).
- ▶ Our agriculture industry is just too seasonal unless we convert to massive greenhouses like they have in Holland where they produce the majority of the EU's tomatoes. We could hide the sprawling greenhouses on the west side of Hwy 97 in the hills. The greenhouses could provide year round quality produce for our beautiful under cover market that is open 18/7.
- ▶ Collaborating to steward these lands is in the wrong section. It is important but not in Prosperity -better in places - no-one will understand why it is in here. Safeguarding our water sources will be a growing problem as more mechanized ATVs and whatever follows them, chew through our forests and disturb feeder streams flowing down to our reservoirs.
- ▶ This is perfect if it can be followed through.
- ▶ This is a very good example of what the focus should be on.



- ▶ You start out making prosperity about beauty and natural resources, and swiftly include new businesses and job. Prosperity (in health wealth and general life ) does start with taking care of our resources. Prosperity in wealth is not always good. New business (which fail at an enormously high rate and bring life impacting devastation to both owners and staff) adapt to the people, not the reverse. Our beautiful West Kelowna isn't here to have our beauty, peace and accessibility (which IS prosperity) change for individual businesses prosperity.
- ▶ Our people are joined at the hip with Westbank First Nations. They are even invited to respond to our Vision. The city and Westbank First Nations are a city within a city so it is imperative we work together; however, we have to recognize we are also two competitive entities and in a capitalistic economy the opportunity to take advantage of one or the other in pursuit of the two entities needs to financial sustainability may cause hardships in our relations with each other and negate the community plan. Example when the B.C. Government set a speculation tax on West Kelowna to curtail the sales of homes to offshore or out of province buyers, our WBFN neighbours built homes and advertised buy here we are not governed by the spec tax we welcome you and your money. We share roads, we share schools, we share libraries and we share sewage treatment plants that the taxpayers in the city of West Kelowna are taxed for. I believe strongly that we should offer WB First Nations all these amenities tax free but when they have over 10,000 non-indigenous people living on their lands it leaves citizens of West Kelowna the costs to cover the increased number of users who do not pay taxes to the city.

## OUR PLACES

- ▶ Be specific, what changes to the waterfront? How will we adapt, how many high-rises, located where? How high? Are we making it to be a busy place? Will the quaintness and peacefulness be kept? Etc.
- ▶ One news release commented to make our waterfront like Peachland! Which is overcrowded, noisy with cars, no parking. It also commented to put a Pub on the waterfront?
- ▶ Peachland has a pub nightly frequented by Bikers, and its noisy. It's a horrible vision for a community. The peace and beauty of the waterfront for a pub? For bikers? That can be located anywhere, preferably close to the police station.
- ▶ The cove rents out a room that in the summers the bands place into the late evenings and, the doors are wide open, due to bodies and heat and the noise can be heard a couple of miles away. This should have been located in the downtown area not in residential. Again someone with poor planning and vision skills. When you're drinking and partying, you don't need to be at the peaceful waterfront.
- ▶ Everything good except the wording "city of compact neighborhoods"
- ▶ What does this mean? Can I assume that after you've spread out all over the west of the city you will start building up and more box stores appear.
- ▶ Not super clear how the city plans to attract more businesses to the area. I feel there are already many vacant commercial spaces and I took away that we want to add more, but what is the plan to fill existing spaces before building more?
- ▶ As "our waterfront" is extremely limited in West Kelowna, there needs to be a stronger message - that we protect and preserve access to our waterfront for all residents of West Kelowna.

- ▶ Frankly, the couplet in Westbank is a red herring, important to a few but not too many. If HWY 97 bypassed the city, as it may do in time, then the problem will go away. The vision deals in big picture items, the couplet is a minor item and should not be included.
- ▶ Protected Green Spaces - should say "in every neighbourhood."
- ▶ Having a fast highway as part of a community doesn't work. The low rise business on Main & Dobbin have to move. I do not see Westbank center as WK's "downtown". It is flat for walking seniors, is old and has above ground hydro lines. Relocate it to the south side of 97 & combine it with Goats Peak & Gellatly as one of the 3 sustainable communities. Another could be a combination of South Boucherie, Lakeview Heights & Casa Loma. The last will unfortunately be on the wrong side of Hwy 97, say combine Shannon Lake, WK Estates & WK Business park.
- ▶ I see this as possibly one of the bigger challenges for West Kelowna. There is much infrastructure that needs updating and reorganization but I sense a deep loyalty to the way it is. City planners and developers will have their work cut out for them.
- ▶ Gellatly Bay is a very small community with Willow Beach used extensively by families. Gellatly Road is very narrow with no room for widening. Adding additional towers of residential units and not allowing for green space is simply not well thought out. Traffic is at its peak along Gellatly Road. Restaurants and stores? Where? Developing Goats Peak will only add more traffic. Consideration for 2 11-storey buildings is simply not a well thought out plan except perhaps for the almighty tax dollar. How will we residents at The Pointe exit our community safely into the traffic?
- ▶ The second two sections are good - the big issue will be how will CWK secure the open park land before the developers do.
- ▶ On the Gellatly Bay proposed development. I agree with the original proposed density envisioned. That is a mixed-use development comprising small retail/ commercial component on main floor with 3-4 stories of residential above. I would strongly appose any further densification, as I believe the surrounding residential neighborhoods would be negatively affected, by bringing too much traffic to this already very busy location, especially during the summer months.
- ▶ A vibrant waterfront needs to be clarified with emphasis on recreational usage as opposed to provision of services (food, cafes, pubs, shops).
- ▶ West Kelowna does not need compacted neighborhoods. A vibrant waterfront means where people can walk and enjoy the view not stores, restaurants and signs just for development sake.
- ▶ Neighbourhood centers are very important so I'm glad this is in here. You should be able to walk 10 minutes to a coffee shop in all neighbourhoods, and bike 10 minutes to a grocery store.
- ▶ Document so far has been a high level discussion of principles and values - now we have two projects - looks very wrong and contrived/ directed.
- ▶ This is the area our city needs to spend the most time figuring out where are we going. Our downtown is dirty and unattractive. It's not a place anyone wants to shop or be in. The trend of more residential in the core is a good first step. Now we need to concentrate on making it a place where those residents will want to hang out, shop and work. Our next biggest failure is to make a truly great waterfront area. Its cleaner than it was but it's still not a true hang out. We need a Peachland type waterfront. That's where our family goes to hang out. Not our own waterfront. I realize it won't be easy but its really what sets us a "have not city" vs the other Okanagan towns and cities.



- ▶ I would like to see more parks and community areas.
- ▶ It would be nice to have more public beaches to share. Not to demean anyone but as a newcomer...I see most of the beaches are private property. I don't see how this could change but there is a lot of shorefront that could be developed (it seems) for the public and not exclusively for the very rich.
- ▶ Strengthen the position on the lake foreshore against it being overtaken by marina development. Allowing all people linear access to the lake foreshore.
- ▶ West Kelowna needs an identity outside of being the bedroom community of Kelowna and an extension of Hwy 97.
- ▶ I would add "places AND SPACES" to this one. Really focus in on West Kelowna's natural beauty, agriculture, and lower density. Very appealing.
- ▶ I take exception to the concept of a Gellatly Village. This is a totally misguided notion that I cannot support. There is very limited space on Gellatly Bay for our citizens. WFN land and private beach, the West Kelowna Yacht Club, private residences and the Cove Resort take up 80% of the waterfront. All we have is a popular wharf, a tiny beach and a beautifully developed pedestrian path. The less the 3 acres of potential development on the current boat storage yard across from Willow Beach can hardly become a "Village". I strongly suggest that the city purchase this land and turn it into a park setting to compliment Willow Park Beach. It could provide space for a variety food trucks during the summer, space for an outdoor market, shade trees, picnic tables etc., All of which are currently missing at Gellatly Bay. I am unaware of another property in West Kelowna that could enhance our very limited waterfront. Otherwise, only small scale (no high-rises) development would be acceptable but definitely not optimal.
- ▶ Our places are also the responsibility of the people living there. I see so much garbage thrown on the ground and damage caused from uncaring citizens. We have to involve all our community to be proud of our WK. You are doing this with this involvement process. Well done!
- ▶ No offense, but I have no idea what or where Westbank Centre is and I have lived in WK for about 6 years and prior to that, Kelowna proper. WK has no "downtown" which is unfortunate, because if we had a DT like most towns, it could be quaint and valuable. Instead, we have HUGE urban sprawl from the bridge all the way to the south end of 97 with businesses crammed between the water, residential development and the mountains. I see no way that this will ever change.
- ▶ As a number of Councilors noted. We can not assume that Highway 97 will ever be diverted around Westbank Centre. The plans for how to revitalize Westbank Centre should begin now.
- ▶ I think the things you have are good. However, I would like to see more about improving neighborhoods including sidewalks, adding/improving parks, adding shops, cafes, maintaining trail systems etc. In West Kelowna Estates, there is not a single thing in walking distance. A playground would be great. Also, a sidewalk on Horizon Drive is a must.
- ▶ Compact neighbourhoods with everyone we need closer - YES. Love the concept of these '15min communities' and has so many benefits to other parts of the vision too. Accessible waterfront YES -- (on that note can more be done to push boat further away from shore...The waves from boats driving close to shore are bad for users, and for the shore infrastructure!). Protecting green space for future generations - YES.

- ▶ The waterfront has the most potential to enhance the future of WK. Perhaps there is a way to amalgamate several ways made in my suggestions to help realize the cohesiveness of WK. Keeping in mind there are two kinds of people, mountain or water people when it comes to living environments.
- ▶ I would like to see more designated dog parks in most areas of the community. Everywhere else the city bylaws on keeping dogs on a leash and picking up after them should be enforced more strictly.

## 5-MINUTE FEEDBACK FORM

- ▶ Must make Review readable or printable first.
- ▶ Wineries add a beautiful backdrop to the west Kelowna scenery, but they don't feed people and are insecticide intensive which is harmful to the environment. We need to stop the selling off of agricultural land to wineries. West Kelowna needs to be more food based agriculture. We need to subsidize farmers and encourage environmentally friendly organic farming. Covid has show us the importance of being a food secure community. Thank you.
- ▶ Westbank (Centre) had 100 years to develop their neighbourhood as they wished. I see no reason why I should be taxed to pay to fix it up for them. I also see no reason why city Council should be subsidizing businesses in Westbank to better compete against businesses in my neighbourhood. In Kelowna they took just one year to revitalize Pandosy on the Lake, and two summers to revitalize Bernard Avenue. Businesses, that were set to reap the benefits, paid a large portion of these costs. In contrast to revitalize Westbank city Council taxes other neighborhoods to subsidize the businesses in Westbank on a project has been going on for a decade and a half already, with many millions of dollars wasted. Time for Westbankers to stand on their own 2 feet and stop with the freeloading on other neighbourhoods.
- ▶ Looks great clear and easy to understand with direction.
- ▶ Adaptability needs to include paperwork reduction; administration costs are crippling our institutions.
- ▶ Generally speaking I quite like it.
- ▶ I totally agree it is very important to maintain each community's unique vibe.
- ▶ There is nothing spectacular that says to me "hey let's move or stay in West Kelowna". Why not show a proposal of walkable community with mixed use business and housing which includes cafes, restaurants, salons, and other services all together?
- ▶ Again I don't see any mention of making this community accessible for all. The Okanagan weather attracts those in wheelchairs and other disabilities because they don't have to deal with as many rainy days, etc., And there is more for them to help live a full life. I'd like to see West Kelowna be the first Okanagan community to embrace this. Housing is a huge issue as everything is built with stairs and multi-levels, parking spots and doorways not wide enough or not correctly placed. Doors to community buildings without accessible entrances. Large hills or grass fields for community events make it difficult for wheelchair users. The list goes on.
- ▶ Improvements to Westbank centre are needed. Perhaps a bigger focus on attracting high quality jobs to our city, which will help our people get and keep good paying jobs to create prosperity.
- ▶ It's ok. As foundational elements, they are good, however I would look for some greater commitments. I know the City of Kelowna has invested in dark fiber in its downtown core to improve connectivity in that area. There is no mention of what innovation, how they're planning for the future, or adoption of tech that the City of West Kelowna are striving for.
- ▶ Sustainability. Greener city development.



- ▶ One of the great things about small town living is having nature in proximity. When our house was built 14 years ago, there was a herd of 30 deer and 2 coyote families that regularly came through. Then after the big fire about half the deer moved out. Then the 2 parts of Glen Canyon Trail were connected and more moved out. Now there is new development for Goat Peak with a "wildlife corridor" that is just the steepest land hardest to build on. As we grow, we crowd out nature. Part of that is inevitable - but it is heartbreaking, nonetheless. Can we figure out a way to live with nature better? Make it more accessible to us? I'm not sure how this is done but I'd love something in the 5 Foundational Elements that includes access to nature not just manicured parks.
- ▶ I think the city should adopt a mill rate to save for parks and lakeshore and community connecting walk/bike trails.
- ▶ I would add next to our "places" our "spaces" i.e. green space, agriculture, etc. Make a big push to keep density in check and retain the very thing that draws people here in the first place which is to escape the overpopulated large urban centers. Overall very good job.
- ▶ Covers the priorities well.
- ▶ Maybe in our places element under the waterfront add the word protected to the statement.
- ▶ Again - it's a VISION. So this is all so very fuzzy. Nice categories - very hard to comment on them as there is absolutely nothing that is concrete outlined. I want to get to specifics: MORE POLICING, bike trails, sound control - the things that it takes to make a livable and peaceful community.
- ▶ Does not speak to affordable housing, addressing issues like homelessness and policing.
- ▶ Just not enough commitment, once again all very vague and "off the shelf" responses.
- ▶ High marks on recognition that our transportation system is critical to WK's future, and also one of WK's biggest problems. Transportation is the only foundational element that will see unprecedented technical and social change in the next 20 years due to fully autonomous vehicles. Yet the vision barely mentions how many of our current challenges could be, if we embrace it, fully or partially addressed by making personal car ownership no longer required or desired due to a ubiquitous, autonomous, public/private taxi infrastructure.
- ▶ I suggest that commercial wineries work with adjacent residential areas in ways that nearby homes are not overrun by winery patrons, trespassers, and flagrant disregard for privacy and private property by intentionally advertising pathways that result in the above issues. There are alternate pathways described in the city planning maps that if followed would serve everyone's needs.
- ▶ As long as the city doesn't rush into improvements and changes and ups our taxes to cover the costs.
- ▶ Ensure people includes WFN and other cultures and that connections includes a connection to land that honours the unceded Indigenous territory that we live in.
- ▶ Just awful soap box wording. Can't even get past the first one. I don't recognize the place you are talking about.
- ▶ There is very little substance in this document. The marketing fluff that makes up the bulk of it is suffocating, repetitive and shallow.
- ▶ Lots of lofty ideas but I want to hear actual plans.
- ▶ Reading between the lines I see some commitment to sustainable practices in our community's vision however I would like to see a stronger commitment to the development of a sustainable community model tied to all five foundational elements.

- ▶ The word "compact" and reference to Westbank Centre in Places section stand out. What does compact mean - micro-units and over-development? As well, my hope is that with the vision you have for Westbank Centre it encourages businesses to relocate to this new location instead of main street and that the city has a plan to work with the other powers that be to purchase the Main Street real estate so Hwy 97 can actually be a hwy. Pages 27 and 29 need to be updated to better adopt the existing Gellatly Bay Village amendment that was created a few years back including terms such as small scale development to protect our local wildlife and allow the local residents to enjoy this area in a safe and calm environment (i.e. help developers have a better idea on what they should be developing). Overall, I feel the vision document is lacking more concrete goals and signs of success. I'd recommend you look at adopting SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely) goals into this so that you provide more direction for developers and residents alike. Similarly with the development/vision that is noted I don't see reference to the added infrastructure needed to support this - more schools, increased capabilities at the new urgent clinic (x ray, etc.), More roads, safe drinking water, etc.

- ▶ Yes, start by solving the huge problem of the couplet, otherwise the rest of these ideals will be hard to realize.
- ▶ Cultural and Entertainment centers could be addressed better.
- ▶ Keep in mind you have a large diverse population - you can't achieve everything in 20 years and need priority but you must keep in mind what people can afford in taxes as cost of living continues to rise.
- ▶ This document seems to be all glitz and boilerplate. Reminds me of the Parks and Rec Masterplans which look good but are not used in any way to build up the parks system.
- ▶ Again, natural spaces, parks and our shoreline are key. We cannot lose them to development.





## COMMUNITY CIRCLES FEEDBACK FORM

- ▶ Make sure to add: The mandate of municipal government is to listen and work with and on behalf of the people of the community. we all agree important but seems linked to other foundational elements.
- ▶ Consider modifying a bit- in ALL CAPS below. OUR ADAPTABILITY is how we embrace TRANSITIONAL (i.e., measured/incremental/not extreme) change and prepare our city to be successful. This is where we commit to making the best possible choices that will keep our city healthy, safe, GREEN and resilient for years to come and PROTECT OUR SMALL-TOWN VALUES. Other comments were to not make changes just for the sake of pursuing higher tax revenues.
- ▶ This was considered the most important by the majority of our group. Suggestions: Expand on protecting our green spaces, ALR land, waterfront, nature, escarpments, wildlife corridors, and features that make West Kelowna the beautiful place that it is, to support and cherish now and for future generations. I.e., Stewardship." We believe that West Kelowna should not compete with Kelowna but rather have business and jobs that enhance the community, without damaging access to the lake, or compromise agricultural, farming, or nurseries. It is important to live in harmony with existing wildlife. We see the name Westbank Centre changed to West Kelowna centre. It is too confusing to have two names for the same place. We would like to see an urban look for downtown and a more rural look for the rest of West Kelowna. We do not see neighbourhood centres as a common goal.
- ▶ Also, very important, and links to prosperity and connectivity. OUR PLACES are the neighbourhoods and destinations we love. This is where we commit to changes that tackle challenges and improvements TO Westbank Centre. CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND INCREMENTAL CHANGES TO our waterfront. EMBRACE OUR compact neighbourhood centres, creating great places to GATHER.
- ▶ Add another item: Add another item related to "Our Prosperity" and expand on protecting our green spaces, ALR land, waterfront, nature, escarpments, wildlife corridors, and features that make West Kelowna the beautiful place that it is, to support and cherish now and for future generations. i.e., Stewardship.

# KEY DIRECTIONS

## Suggested Improvements, Refinements, or Additions

### GENERAL FEEDBACK FORM

#### OUR PEOPLE

##### A CARING COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS ONE ANOTHER AND CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

- ▶ As this is a vision, details on how it will be achieved are not specified.
- ▶ Be bolder on what we see in 2040, e.g., being known for our affordable day care with perhaps a goal of x spaces/1000 people. Need an aspirational goal to generate policy and debate. With all adults essentially needing to work, affordable day care is the most 'freeing' thing we can do to facilitate that.
- ▶ Accessibility to waterfront gathering in Gellatly Bay, and a vibrant downtown Westbank business Center.

##### A HEALTHY COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS

- ▶ As this is a vision, details on how it will be achieved are not specified. As this is a vision, details on how it will be achieved are not specified.
- ▶ Not enough can be said on this one. Every point for 2040 is critically important.
- ▶ Becoming a healthy community both through health facilities and enhanced recreational opportunities, in particular parks, trail and beaches.
- ▶ WK cannot talk about a healthy community until the water advisory problem is permanently solved.
- ▶ Suggest we don't focus on medical.

- ▶ Same comment as above
- ▶ There is a tremendous need for supportive health services such as dialysis and ambulatory care in West Kelowna. Having to travel across the bridge for such necessary services is a real challenge if there is any problem on the bridge.
- ▶ Secondly, because of our gentle climate, there should be a greater emphasis on outdoor recreation as opposed to building facilities."
- ▶ Add parks and recreational spaces.
- ▶ Please add something about a safe community and parks in addition to modern recreational facilities.
- ▶ Self sufficiency is great but can be expensive. Do not ignore the easy access to first class medical resources in Kelowna.

##### ENGAGED YOUNG MINDS THAT WILL BECOME FUTURE LEADERS

- ▶ Same comment as above
- ▶ How about a young entrepreneur program?
- ▶ Millennials are seldom interested in connection with anything but social media and their phone. Good luck...
- ▶ Emphasis on post-secondary education and jobs. How to attract a major technology company of 100+ employees in a new stand alone building to be an anchor for subsequent solicitations?



## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH OF US TO FEEL AT HOME (MORE HOUSING CHOICE)

- ▶ Be more aspirational in terms of affordable units per 1000 population. Set stretch goals to attract attention.
- ▶ I have yet to see any programs truly help homelessness or low-income families.
- ▶ West Kelowna should not follow Kelowna's lead of building high rises wherever possible, and in particular across from public beaches. Thoughtful, low density housing (houses, townhomes, walkups) makes our community more desirable and enjoyable.
- ▶ We as a city need to embrace that suites are a part of our city. We need to make neighbourhoods that have these in mind. Off street parking planned right into the development and more green space. Don't fight it...Embrace it. It benefits everyone when it's done right from the start.
- ▶ I doubt homelessness will be cured by building more homes. In my experience many people choose to be homeless. Some can't afford a home, but if cheap homes are sold to needy people, what happens when they sell their home for huge profits - see experience in the UK>
- ▶ Same comment as above
- ▶ Add with an emphasis on smaller scale builds with attractive designs.
- ▶ Get rid of the image of a high-rise.
- ▶ Allowing multi-family housing as well as having short stay and long stay at the same residence should be allowed as long as it doesn't interfere with the enjoyment of the neighborhood as a whole.
- ▶ Homelessness is a complex issue that involves mental issues also. Let's also solve the issue and get at the root rather than what we see!

- ▶ I completely agree that we need to provide more diverse housing, especially for people who need subsidized and supportive housing. However, high rise buildings are not the solution and should not become a part of West Kelowna.
- ▶ No high rises
- ▶ Designating the right locations is very important.

## Suggestion Our People

- ▶ Infrastructure improvement to provide safety of the citizens from where they walk, the water they drink, and roads they drive on.

## OUR CONNECTIVITY

### A SUSTAINED SHIFT IN OUR TRANSPORTATION CHOICES AWAY FROM SINGLE-OCCUPANCY VEHICLES

- ▶ See Streets comment. We need more sidewalks, street lighting and cycling paths/lanes.
- ▶ We cannot ignore the fact that WKC, to a large degree, will continue to be a bedroom community for Kelowna.
- ▶ Improvement of both cycling and walking routes is priority.
- ▶ This is essential
- ▶ Creating friendly roads for cyclists and pedestrians is huge. COVID-19 has brought way more people out in their own community. Give them safe areas to walk and ride. Develop a cycling friendly city. Follow Kelowna's lead.
- ▶ This whole valley is not set up to have single use vehicles reduced, the city of West Kelowna is by far too spread out.
- ▶ This is one of the most important

- ▶ Shorter, more aggressive timeline and roll out.
- ▶ Given the current geographic area of WK, not likely to happen.
- ▶ As long as common sense prevails, agreed. less cars = less traffic= better community.
- ▶ You should be able to safely ride your bike from the bridge to Westbank (with electric bikes, this is more likely to be appealing)
- ▶ Vision only. Need to know how. Same comment for all
- ▶ Transportation is such a big issue; it warrants more than one key direction. I see 3 distinct components: sidewalks/cycle paths; public transit; reduce single vehicle use as all worthy of separate key directions,
- ▶ A bit vague, how do you plan to reduce single occupancy vehicles? Hasn't worked in Lower Mainland.

## STREETS FOR PEOPLE

- ▶ Casa Loma comment: Casa Loma does not safe walking and cycling routes, public transit, or safe lighting on Campbell Road.
- ▶ See previous comments.
- ▶ Shorter, more aggressive timeline and roll out.
- ▶ So critically important to our city vision of being friendly, clean, embracing agriculture and self-reliance
- ▶ AGREED! In the right places.
- ▶ This is difficult as it comes with a very high cost -- only worth it if people are using it. But I can see that also being a horse in front of cart problem and vice versa.
- ▶ Desperately short of street lighting, sidewalks and cycling paths/lanes. A huge infrastructure deficit that may need targeted and disproportionate funding. Special levy perhaps.
- ▶ Many people do not want streetlights and sidewalks

## COLLABORATION WITH OUR CENTRAL OKANAGAN NEIGHBOURS

- ▶ So many opportunities for better collaboration with Westbank, Kelowna, etc.
- ▶ There are not many cities that are completely enmeshed in other municipality. Close collaboration with WFN will be imperative.
- ▶ Other than improvements to BC Transit routes and schedule, not much is inter-regional. To justify more transit, we need more people density.
- ▶ We absolutely need this to move forward!
- ▶ Shorter, more aggressive timeline and roll out.
- ▶ Redundant.
- ▶ Should be specific mention of forming public/private partnerships including WFN and City of Kelowna
- ▶ Collaboration with WFN is absolutely CRUCIAL to West Kelowna's future. Working together with Kelowna and WFN to mutual benefit(s) is obviously important as well.

## A GROWING CULTURAL SCENE THAT CONNECTS US TO ONE ANOTHER AND OUR COMMUNITY

- ▶ Cultural programs should also consider joint ventures with WFN, Kelowna, other towns so that financially feasible.
- ▶ Having a central space where this happens really helps - a community center with a place for indoor and outdoor events, near restaurants and shops so events can bring prosperity to the entire community
- ▶ We should not try to recreate the major facilities that already exist in Kelowna such as a concert hall and larger community theatre. We should embrace open outdoor spaces as places for people to congregate. Small facilities should be attached to places such as new schools or a new city hall that provide an opportunity for local art, theatre and music.



- ▶ Better as more definitive and measurable.
- ▶ We are Canadians. THAT is our culture. Let's celebrate that. Let's celebrate our similarities, NOT differences.
- ▶ Always important for any community to get behind the arts and culture communities, in places that draw people to gather together.

### Suggestion Our Connectivity

- ▶ Charging stations for electric cars everywhere

## OUR ADAPTABILITY

### PREPARING TO BE NIMBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO CHANGE AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ How will these be implemented? Same comment for all.
- ▶ What improvements will reduce fire and flood risk? Seldom will governments ever take initiative in "pilot" or innovative programs, so if you can make it happen, great stuff, but highly doubtful.
- ▶ Without collaboration with WFN, it will be difficult to achieve.
- ▶ Dialogue is good but we have to listen. A hard thing for many to do.
- ▶ Say no to building on flood plains! It is a recipe for disaster and lawsuits.
- ▶ This is important, and should be front and center. Fire is always a threat.
- ▶ Fire especially important to residents here in Casa Loma due to proximity to the park known as Kalamo Park, as well as egress/access for emergencies.

### TAKING BOLD ACTIONS TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

- ▶ Work with WFN.
- ▶ We cannot affect climate change as our footprint is minuscule in the global total. Investing in anything that may suggest this is a waste of resources.
- ▶ This may be more of a provincial incentive?
- ▶ Shorter, more aggressive timeline and roll out.
- ▶ Need close ties to Provincial and Federal governments. but a worthy item.
- ▶ This is critical to our survival and needs to be taken seriously by local, provincial and federal government and the people of Canada.
- ▶ Set aspirational goals and develop policies to support those goals. Controversial but could include: a xeriscaping bylaw for all new construction and major renovations, mandating new and replacement irrigation systems (except sports fields and parks) to be drip irrigation, buying only EV or hydrogen vehicles where possible when replacing existing city vehicles. Be bold to set an example. Bring in more supercharging stations as demand develops.
- ▶ I am surprised how the city has not adopted some common mitigation requirements in building and development (stormwater run-off, tree canopies)
- ▶ Commendable goal however we need federal and provincial funding support. So perhaps we need to position WK to volunteer for pilot projects.

## PLANNING AHEAD FOR OUR FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

- ▶ Infrastructure is Priority 1. My impression is West K is not keeping up with the required investments in Infrastructure. Infrastructure investment must be made in advance of approving future developments.
- ▶ Developers should have to help pay for infrastructure upgrades required because of their development.
- ▶ So many services the community relies on are provided by infrastructure. Must be a top priority for the city.
- ▶ Set some aspirational goals and test policy changes for a 5-10-year surcharge levy to catch up on street infrastructure. Shannon Lake Rd and Boucherie Road are keys to tourist destinations. It is a travesty that CWK has boil water advisories. Too little too late is how that looks. City council needs to develop more spine.
- ▶ Work with WFN.
- ▶ Keeping density downtown and improving transit is a brilliant idea.
- ▶ It is imperative that infrastructure improvements are in place prior to development.
- ▶ This should be one of the top priorities! Assessment of infrastructure needs must be complete before granting development permits. Specifically, the sewer system at Gellatly Bay needs assessing before any development is approved!
- ▶ Is the city ready for development and the costs in the future for this development? Big picture people.
- ▶ 100% agreed. Hydroelectric power vulnerability to fire was raised as a concern.

## REDUCED CONSUMPTION AND WASTE

- ▶ Better recycle program a must.
- ▶ I would like to compost household vegetable matter but don't because it attracts bears and other vermin. I would like to see agriculture burning replaced by composting as well.
- ▶ Unreasonable fees at our transfer station encourage illegal dumping and should be rectified.
- ▶ Any great community should have strong focus on reduction of waste. Good job WK.
- ▶ Work with WFN.
- ▶ It has been repeatedly proven that "recycling" does virtually nothing and most such programs have accomplished nothing of value. Most garbage, even when supposedly recycled goes into the dump.
- ▶ Consider steeper tiered rates on residential water to encourage xeriscaping, work with other municipalities to encourage more blue bin pickups. Double household garbage fees if necessary, to increase recycling scope. Key is to reduce consumption by pushing programs to reduce demand.
- ▶ Make it easier to recycle and dispose of things responsibly. Food waste needs a better program
- ▶ Improved recycling, collecting household compost in green bins
- ▶ We need composting
- ▶ What about adopting the Food waste program?
- ▶ Making recycling and compost EASY and AFFORDABLE. Strongly monitor and fine heavily for illegal dumping.



## OUR PROSPERITY

### COLLABORATING TO STEWARD THESE LANDS

- ▶ What exactly has WB 1st Nations done to enhance stewardship of our lands? I cannot recall seeing anything specific in this regard, so how is it they are considered a viable expert in land stewardship?
- ▶ Preserve and enhance our parks and recreational land as a priority.
- ▶ This should be "baked" into development. WK has some fabulous natural areas but they are encroached on by development and that should be carefully reviewed to keep them healthy.
- ▶ As before, how will these be achieved? Same comment for all.
- ▶ Collaboration with WFN is perhaps one of THE most important initiatives due to our intertwined communities.

### SUPPORTING OUR AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL ROOTS

- ▶ Don't take anymore ALR out or do any swaps
- ▶ ALR should be enhanced. Industrial less important in this area in my opinion.
- ▶ We need to NOT change our ALR lands to allow developers to come in and build to what is bare minimum standards within the ALR designation. We cannot get the land back and have no further input if the developer sells to WFN, it can be changed on a whim and anything can be built if that happens because it is then the WFN land and their choice to use as they wish.
- ▶ We value, appreciate and want our ALR protected fiercely. Industry important but not at the expense of agricultural/waterfront lands.

### ATTRACTING, RETAINING, EXPANDING BUSINESSES THAT CREATE MEANINGFUL JOBS CLOSE TO HOME

- ▶ Few businesses can offer work-from-home options if they require interaction with consumers. However, not sure how you can even begin to support and encourage such efforts?
- ▶ Cannot ignore that many jobs will still be Kelowna. Transportation needs to and from Kelowna must be considered.
- ▶ Should be realistic about how many people will still be working in Kelowna
- ▶ Remove reference to specific locations. Unrealistic to assume where new and emerging economies will be.
- ▶ This needs to focus on professional and service jobs.

### EXPRESSING OUR UNIQUE SENSE OF PLACE

- ▶ Disagree with title Enhanced sense of place. Understand the sentiment, West K should strive for small scale places that are of the higher quality in design and attractiveness.
- ▶ "More tourism experiences" creates a challenge in that certain aspects of West Kelowna are already past capacity during the summer season, for example the beaches, walkway, and boat launch at Gellatly Bay. It would be more accurate to encourage appropriate tourism, where there is a good fit and it will enhance the community, not make things worse.
- ▶ Not too sure what this would actually involve.
- ▶ This is where 'branding' could play a key role. More tourism resorts for tax base, attracting and keeping tourists, and providing more access to the waterfront. No reason to take second place to Kelowna to attract developments.



- ▶ As there is no true central meeting place or downtown, not sure how much of this can be accomplished. I think this is why people usually travel to Kelowna for most similar events.
- ▶ West Kelowna has lots of potential but these areas need to be better developed and tied together.
- ▶ Tourism should be secondary to enhancing quality of life for the residents of West Kelowna.
- ▶ Our waterfronts are already active during the summer and I'm convinced there is no space for tourists on our very limited beaches. Our waterfront is mostly privately owned - a common mistake of our forefathers.
- ▶ This is exactly what makes West Kelowna a place people want to live in and visit. Don't just celebrate agricultural heritage, also protect ongoing agriculture for the future. Attractive buildings MUST meld with current community architecture. i.e. the proposed Winery with Lighthouse does not fit in the community.

## Suggestion Our Prosperity

- ▶ I am very surprised at the lack of discussion on the role and impact of tourism in this document. I believe Tourism is a major driver of the economy and West K must address the future role. Will WK be a touchpoint for day visitors or will be the goal to be an overnight destination.
- ▶ We need to ensure food sustainability and keep our agricultural land to maintain food security. We all felt this was of paramount importance
- ▶ Short Term Rentals: Tourism not at the expense of residents. Short term rentals need to be carefully considered. On-site management, in the right locations/zoning.

## OUR PLACES

### A TRANSFORMED WESTBANK CENTRE

- ▶ I understand the goal to improve the area however I was looking within the document for a more honest assessment of the challenges in making this happen.
- ▶ Work with MOTI to put Highway 97 underground or bypass downtown entirely, refer to Cloverdale for example.
- ▶ This is essential! It should be referred to as West Kelowna Centre, in order to be consistent with language. We need to have our city hall as well as a higher level of health facilities (the new urgent care center functions as a medical clinic, it is not equipped to deal with anything of significance). Thorough planning and incentives should be in place to make this a vibrant and functional center of our community.
- ▶ Need to know how. Same comment for all in this category.
- ▶ It is time to begin this most difficult task. It is doubtful that the highway can be moved so begin shifting our city centre off the highway similar to Summerland. Nobody wants to have walkable streets alongside a highway with logging trucks, semi-trucks and motorhomes.
- ▶ The city has to make Westbank Centre a desirable place for developers by tax incentives, land trades which will encourage development. Edmonton's Whyte Avenue and Calgary's Electric Avenue all started with a few small restaurants that grew into trendy, popular areas.
- ▶ Why is it called Westbank Centre when the name was changed to West Kelowna years ago?
- ▶ If we are moving to more compact communities, how important is it to upgrade the 'centre' which isn't in the middle and out of reach for most communities



- ▶ CRUCIAL! Good job.
- ▶ The highway couplet will always be a problem. Please put it into your equation of a vibrant centre as it is not going away.
- ▶ Work needs to begin now and cannot assume that HWY 97 traffic will be diverted away from Westbank Centre.
- ▶ Continue to double/triple population base via multi-family housing to create a population base to support a vitalized Westbank Centre. Keep beating on landlords to buy into the concept. Somehow it feels that many landlords are myopic on this matter.
- ▶ Have one name - either West Kelowna or Westbank.
- ▶ Absolute consensus on this. This area is where density and business belong. a vibrant downtown is very important.
- ▶ This area is where density and business belong. a vibrant downtown is crucial for commercial and business needs, NOT in our residential communities. i.e., urban vibe, but practical.

## A CONNECTED, ACCESSIBLE, AND VIBRANT WATERFRONT

- ▶ Like agriculture, our waterfront is a key asset. We need more of the Cove type developments to bring tourists, keep them here, and to provide residents with more access to the lakeshore. Blackmun Bay, Gellatly Village, etc. A half dozen such developments would not be too much.
  - ▶ Shorter, more aggressive timeline and roll out.
  - ▶ The waterfront is pretty good now, no need to "urbanize" it. No place for high rises.
  - ▶ Would be a very pleasant place to spend time!
  - ▶ If you are building more access to waterfront and businesses/shops, is that not contraindicative to land stewardship?
- ▶ I think the residents of the area need to be personally asked if this is acceptable, and not just change the land designation to suit residents not actively living there.
  - ▶ I can't say enough about how underutilized our waterfront is. It's the worst in the whole Okanagan.
  - ▶ This issue was dealt with in the 2017 OCP for Gellatly Bay and it should not be disregarded. This will be a high rent district as is common with all lakefront properties. It is therefore unlikely to be feasible for shops or galleries to survive. Furthermore, it is in conflict with developing and enhancing the city centre. Even the Cove Resort is unable to keep a restaurant afloat. A very poor idea!
  - ▶ Do not want cafes and shops in Gellatly Bay.
  - ▶ This statement is absolutely inaccurate and not the vision of the residents of West Kelowna. Our waterfront area, especially Gellatly Bay, need to be preserved and enhanced for the recreational use of our citizens and not to provide cafes and pubs. Currently the Cove, with 120 units of its own, cannot support a restaurant. There are plenty of restaurants within minutes of Gellatly Bay and to build high-rises to accommodate services is simply wrong.
  - ▶ This completely misses what is key to the waterfront. The Gellatly Waterfront is busy at all times of the year and provides an extremely important opportunity for all residents of West Kelowna to enjoy the lake and participate in outdoor recreation. In the summertime this area is used far beyond its capacity. The greatest legacy we can leave for future generations is to preserve every inch of available space near this waterfront for recreation, relaxation and enjoying nature. Improving the safety of transportation on foot and bike to Gellatly Bay is necessary.

- Most West Kelowna residents support development - provided it is sensible and proportionate development and not just development to increase the tax base as fast as possible. There have been multiple O.C.P.'s produced over the last several years and after public input regarding Gellatly Bay, all have stressed the need for SMALL SCALE development benefitting the residents of the city. The last O.C.P. Limited the height of any development on the old fruit packing site to five stories yet it seems some of our newer councilors in their zeal to promote development are unaware of this study, which would seem to suggest they did not do their homework before seeking election, and are swayed solely by their own bias as opposed to public input. If that be the case, why does the city waste citizen's taxes constantly producing yet more O.C.P.'s only to cast them aside when the first developer requests a variance to the official plan - one which he well knew existed prior to proceeding with his architectural ideas. A development of eleven stories on the old fruit packing site is not only twice the size envisioned but will detrimentally impact the bay creating not only traffic chaos but ruin it as place of enjoyment for the present residents of Westbank! In absolutely no terms can the construction of two eleven story towers in this location be considered beneficial to the community!
- I term this as protected waterfront to be retained in a natural state with connectivity related to bike paths and extending the walkways, cycle so people can access the area without cars. Gellatly is too small an area to suggest commercial developments or high-density housing. Goal should be to preserve and add more park spaces for families. We do not need shops or cafes.

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- CRITICAL, CRITICAL, CRITICAL. Gellatly Bay is a crucial place for people to access easily, gather and enjoy. No more marinas cluttering up waterfront.

## A "CITY OF COMPACT NEIGHBOURHOODS" WHERE PEOPLE HAVE WHAT THEY NEED CLOSE TO HOME

- I understand the sentiment however I do not view this as realistic goal given the relatively small size of West K and proximity that many areas have to goods and services. Compact neighbourhoods is concept that works best in major cities with high density housing. I am not in favour of high-density areas and West K should adhere to concept of small-scale developments.
- The most important statement is that of new development fitting with existing. People who have chosen to live, pay taxes and support businesses in West Kelowna deserve to feel confident that the quality of life they have established will be protected as our city grows.
- See previous comments about walking and biking to neighbourhood amenities.
- Projected population of 60,000 people are not enough to support 13 communities of 4500 each-won't work.



- ▶ Not sure how this will happen without rezoning of land so there can be commercial development tucked into neighborhoods
- ▶ This is a high density, large urban centre concept which I do not support. For example, neighbourhood grocery stores cannot compete with Superstore.
- ▶ Stores carrying essentials closer to the communities would be a welcome addition - if it fits. More opportunities to walk/bike where you need to rather than drive
- ▶ All new developments must fit with and respect adjoining neighborhoods as a priority.
- ▶ Where do such places exist? Small towns usually have a downtown. Big cities have urban sprawl. What exactly are you trying to do/say?
- ▶ Would have big knock-on effects to other parts of the vision.
- ▶ I think Lakeview Heights with its mix of housing, agriculture, shops, schools and a community would be a great goal for each neighborhood.
- ▶ Again, very well done, this point is so important to retain character of each unique neighborhood. Great point!
- ▶ Have always been a proponent of self-sufficient neighbourhood centres but where can they be? Lakeview Village is one...build it out with more density. Maybe the Glen Canyon/Goat's Peak area can become one. Shannon Lake area? There is not a population base to support too many given our relatively low density.
- ▶ Westbank Center: urban/commercial center. Boucherie: agri-tourism focus. Gellatly area: waterfront/fun gather location Residential communities: minimal commercial other than small grocery stores, coffee shops, etc. Sufficient for needs of locals only.

## PROTECTED GREEN SPACES AND CONNECTIONS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

- ▶ Fewer and bigger green spaces with amenities and facilities like flush washrooms likely have more chance of success than too many small scattered green spaces. They should be destination places.
- ▶ Fabulous. This is what makes WK attractive, is plenty of ALR and green space mixed in with residential. Focus density on the right areas!
- ▶ A must
- ▶ You continuously contradict yourself throughout this entire document. You cannot build new recreational amenities without destroying green spaces. What is an "open" space? A parking lot or a park?
- ▶ In a city that is very much lacking in beaches and recreational areas adjacent to our waterfront, special emphasis must be made on maintaining and enriching the experiences available to our citizens.
- ▶ I am so concerned that "compact" development equates to high density which leads to the approval of high-rises. Please select a term that does not imply that high-rises are acceptable. They are simply not in harmony with the environment as witnessed when one looks across the lake to Kelowna!
- ▶ West Kelowna has some lovely green spaces. Protecting them from encroaching development and degradation from development is important.
- ▶ The vision seems to be thinking of many tiny green spaces due to so much low-rise sprawl. I think we need huge green space, big trees ...
- ▶ Should be specific goals stated. I.e., Acquire x # of acres for greenspace and build X # of new areas.
- ▶ PERFECT/KEY: wildlife corridors and habitat need to be protected. Very important.

## OTHER COMMENTS

### GENERAL FEEDBACK FORM

- ▶ If you make a plan please stick to it and don't allow variances. It is not fair to the neighborhood and makes people very unhappy and angry.
- ▶ I like that you are thinking about how to improve the city plan and asking citizens for input. Improving and adding parks should be in the plan (not just waterfront).
- ▶ This interactive tool is great! Keep up the good work.
- ▶ The vision should be realistic, affordable and achievable within 20 years otherwise, it should not be part of this vision.
- ▶ Looks good - lots of details will appear in detail
- ▶ I don't think we can try and be all things to all people. We don't have the resources to do that AND just as importantly, initiatives get lost in the noise. People really can't keep track of that many things given the busyness of life. I think council needs to pick half a dozen bold policy moves at this step in the Visioning process, quantify them as aspirational goals in the Signs of Success section, and test them in the next round. Ultimately, there can be only so many key priorities over the next 5-10 years and those should be readily identifiable and measurable to residents.
- ▶ Thank-you for really taking on an in-depth vision strategy. I can really feel the good vibes in it and a real sense of great things to come.
- ▶ You guys are doing a great job of involving community members in the vision. Just by collecting the pain points and ideas alone is forging a connection that many other communities don't have. Much appreciated.
- ▶ Perhaps I don't have a great vision of the future, but I do not believe that WK will be successful in making any meaningful changes to the entire city until 97 is treated as a major Hwy with proper entrance and exits on and off of it. Most major cities in North America focus on proper traffic flow through their city. What WK has is ridiculous and has needed a major overhaul for years. The current system may have worked 30 years ago when the population was much less, but with increased traffic, it will continue to be an albatross if not addressed. Tourists avoid WK because of how traffic bogs down, especially in summer. If we fixed the traffic issues, all else will easily and quickly improve.
- ▶ Fantastic....
- ▶ Casa Loma residents are VERY IMPRESSED with the job you are doing City of West Kelowna. Absolutely great work on this and you are listening to the community. Do whatever it takes to differentiate West Kelowna from the concrete jungle known as Kelowna and West Kelowna will become the envy of the Interior BC. GREAT WORK!
- ▶ You are going in the right direction.
- ▶ Great that you are doing this and getting public comments
- ▶ Thank you so much for all the time and effort put forth to include public input. A suggestion could be to prioritize the 20 key directions, as always, there is never enough money in the budget and priorities must be set.
- ▶ Suggest city of West Kelowna purchase more waterfront land for walking and trails rather than changing zoning knowing the floodplain and infrastructure issues.



- ▶ Please ensure that our vision reflects the wishes of the citizens of West Kelowna as indicated in our recent vision survey.
- ▶ Really worried about safety on Gellatly Road South, so dangerous to walk or drive here right now. Especially from Canyon Ridge to the waterfront! Would love to see realistic plans to improve this.
- ▶ I understand this is an aspirational document however I was looking for a more balanced presentation. I thought there would be a more realistic discussion on the current and specific challenges that West K faces. For example, it is difficult to imagine the future when basic infrastructure systems seem to be trailing behind the city's current growth rate. I also think it is important to educate citizens on what are the financial limits in planning the city's future. I think it is important for even the city planners to understand what the limits of our city's financial resources and to incorporate that into their documents rather than get too carried away in their aspirations. I was surprised to see how little discussion of Tourism was listed in the document. My understanding is tourism is a key factor in the marketing the Okanagan and West Kelowna is definitely located in the middle of most tourists travel through the area. I was looking for more discussion on some of the other unique challenges that West K faces, the geographic spread between the communities, the need for strong partnerships and collaborations with Westbank First Nations, relatively close proximity to Kelowna and heavy reliance on cars are all key variables in developing a community plan that is realistic for West Kelowna.
- ▶ Great job.
- ▶ Note that the crime in Smith creek has been increasingly bad, what are the plans to increase security or help those who are in need of mental health or drug/alcohol abuse?
- ▶ I believe renewable energy sounds fine, but not attainable with solar, wind & batteries. We can't keep sprawling; we need to downsize and stop bringing in more people. We need quality not quantity. Our air quality, water quality & food quality is degrading too fast. Huge challenge think it is too late to save us from ourselves. Babies won't live to old age....
- ▶ I mostly support this draft and appreciate the opportunity to participate in the process. When we relocated here, we looked at properties throughout the valley and chose West Kelowna because of its unique characteristics - the semi urban, semi-rural feel, the opportunity for outdoor recreation, that people say hello when you pass them on the street, and in stores and businesses people are helpful and friendly. We appreciate the mix of single-family homes, townhomes and apartments and are so grateful not to have high rise buildings looming over our community. We feel that we have the best of both worlds, with proximity to the larger city of Kelowna and the facilities it provides such as a university, college and hospital. Yet we have a wonderful quality of life here, and with respect for what makes our lifestyle unique, patience to prioritize and allow improvements to develop as we can afford them, and thoughtful planning West Kelowna can remain a most desirable place to live!
- ▶ A comprehensive draft vision reading more like a wish list. Concentrate on the Westbank Towne center as your "flagship" project as an example of what's to come. There needs to be something visible and tangible.
- ▶ This is far too vague with rather generic "feel good" vision remarks. The few areas that appear to have plans aren't specific, i.e., infrastructure, waterfront, and adorning the city to make it welcoming. Costs? Plan specifics?

- ▶ Peachland waterfront is a mess and is Also poorly planned. Putting business down on Gellatly waterfront will take away not add to our community. I walk there a lot and it is always busy, very little parking. Busy, because it is a quiet and peaceful beautiful lake front. we don't need Pubs and noisy businesses. They can make money in the core of West Kelowna. Make West Kelowna walkable with outdoor cafes
- ▶ Make West Kelowna walkable with outdoor cafes like Bernard Street.
- ▶ Start there - keep high rises farther out of West Kelowna into the hills, not near the waterfront so it blocks the beauty for everyone, for some developer to make money. If they can only access land farther back, they will buy and build. Waterfront high rises pleases maybe 100 owners and harms all the original owners who made West Kelowna what it is today."
- ▶ Cannot read - too small and too light print and cannot print
- ▶ Looking great so far
- ▶ I'm concerned about the infrastructure not keeping up with the development. There's a hodge podge of sidewalks, and streetlights. Access roads are not maintained. The city needs to make sure that the existing residents are not impeded by construction elements. The Smith Creek road is a prime example. And now you are going to add a significant population to an already dangerous road. As well there should be a school in the Smith Creek development.
- ▶ I hope the money spent on this will provide something more practical than a few feel good statements.
- ▶ Infrastructure is crucial to long term success
- ▶ Community inclusion for her has been terrible all these years so that is a concern too. Thanks
- ▶ This is an ambitious project & I hope it does not get lost as funding delays happen.
- ▶ I worry that many of the ideas are from elderly more conservative residents. What's going to attract people? Staying the course and being conservative and not bold is not going to make people move to the community. We need something big!
- ▶ Trying to move to West Kelowna for years but there is no housing options available for those with wheelchairs. That is my focus and I'd really like to see this community put that into their plan. Make sure new developments offer accessible suites, townhomes, house designs, etc. At the very least, something that could be renovated for accessibility. Right now, we can't even find that. Rancher townhomes are for seniors mostly and my child is 17 in a wheelchair.
- ▶ The biggest thing for me is affordability. A community that supports local families. I don't want to see council support vacation rentals at the expense of affordable housing. If a seasonal resident or vacation homeowner cannot afford the luxury tax, they should not subsidize or offset the tax with vacation rentals. I live in a neighbourhood with a large number of vacation or secondary homes that are vacant for large portions of the year. This is not the way to build community. We need a good mix of local residents and vacation homes. We do not need short term vacation rentals. I read a sign in my neighbourhood that said neighbourhoods are for neighbours not vacation rentals. I agree!
- ▶ I am so impressed by the thoughtfulness of this survey. We lived in Vernon for over 30 years and never saw this level of connection between the city and the residents. WK is an incredibly beautiful place to live with very well-maintained recreational opportunities (bathrooms, walkways, parking, etc.). We are very impressed with this community.
- ▶ Focusing on the younger community and helping them thrive is key!





- ▶ Great job so far this is an excellent survey format
- ▶ Connecting local people to healthy food, educating children, and having a more attractive Westbank Farm Loop for tourists is an important part of the health of everyone as well as the economics of our community
- ▶ The downtown core must be re-envisioned to create a core area. This will probably involve realigning the Highway beside Dobbin and designating the core area around Main Street. The city hall should be in this area. A small village at Gellatly Bay would be beneficial but no high-rises. Sidewalks and bike lanes need to be improved for safety.
- ▶ The team did a great job of facilitation and I like seeing the forward-thinking document! We have always believed that “the Westside is the Best side” and we are part of a 5-generation family that has chosen to live here for 111 years.
- ▶ You are doing a GREAT job. Your project team should be proud of this work, the graphics are very interesting, well thought out content and easy to understand and follow. Great job City of WK!
- ▶ I enjoy the pictorials in the Draft Vision and feel it is well worded.
- ▶ I think it is a great start to defining our community's direction for the future. I would hope that at some point more detail will be assigned as to how each element will be achieved. Example how do you transform Westbank center? Do you give up on the province ever doing anything about the couplet or do you keep bringing it up so they have to deal with it at some point.
- ▶ A vibrant centre - core downtown is vital to this plan and a plan to house the homeless in an area that is safe for everyone.
- ▶ PLEASE GET MORE POLICING! Dangerous community right now as it stands. I have called in the evenings over numerous concerns and no one ever arrives because there aren't enough officers. Crime is high.
- ▶ It is a quality document, good work.
- ▶ I am very pleased to see the forethought being taken to see what our community can be in the next 20 years. West Kelowna is a wonderful place; however, the look and aesthetic is lack luster and can deter people from spending time and therefore their money in the city. Instead, they go to Kelowna and spend time and money there.
- ▶ Very well done so far but it is ACTION that really counts, so far only nice words!
- ▶ I would like to know that you will be addressing inequities in communities. Some have no sidewalks but huge fancy improvements done in tourist areas? When will all neighbourhoods have sidewalks on all busy streets? How do you plan on addressing the housing costs and homelessness?
- ▶ I think you have done an excellent job in promoting input into this Vision.
- ▶ I love what you and your staff have done with our city, and I very much appreciate the opportunity for input.
- ▶ Infrastructure improvements are desperately needed, not a city hall building. It is disappointing to see how taxpayers' money is being spent with so many rundown roads and unsafe pedestrian walkways, and many places without sidewalks. I encourage you to do better.
- ▶ Hopefully, you're listening!
- ▶ I'm worried about talk of developing lakefront-it is well used now by all ages. Traffic and parking are a serious issue-lakefront
- ▶ WK needs to attract more viable businesses to sustain the increase of growth population
- ▶ Happy to participate further if needed!
- ▶ Absolutely fantastic job! The efforts put into this community engagement are much appreciated by the Casa Loma Community Association and the residents. Well done West Kelowna!

# YOUTH FEEDBACK

## YOUTH IDEAS

- ▶ A community youth center near the center of the area
- ▶ Add places here that are actually interesting like a roller rink or more parks
- ▶ I think that with all the new subdivisions near my house the roads are getting very busy to get to school so maybe building another road would make things less congested.
- ▶ A better more regular Transit System that runs into and around more neighbourhoods and around Doucette drive. More tourist attractions and more things to do as of entertainment wise.
- ▶ Maybe more hiking trails, after COVID-19 I feel like an amusement park would be a fun thing to have since we don't seem to have one. I defiantly think it would be a nice attraction to have and many people would go to it.
- ▶ Better bus stops, maybe ones with shelter because of the cold, more sidewalks, more outdoor activities
- ▶ I think that we should have more paved paths for the public to ride bikes and walk safely.
- ▶ Downtown West Kelowna is a little drab and kind of sketchy. The pool is awesome, but maybe sometime in the future it could be expanded.
- ▶ Add scooters over West Kelowna like they have downtown Kelowna
- ▶ More side walks around West Kelowna
- ▶ More hiking trails make sure it is always clean and garbage in public areas are good.
- ▶ Amusement park
- ▶ I think that public transportation needs a big improvement here, more busing more often also looking into eco-friendly options for transit
- ▶ More hiking or biking trails, open up a smaller snow park for locals to go to open another camp site.
- ▶ More things to do in West Kelowna
- ▶ Make sure everyone is treated equally. Make public areas cleaner
- ▶ I would love for West Kelowna to have things like a mall and activities indoors
- ▶ Better transportation/ bus service, better newer downtown, put in a mall in west k, new high school
- ▶ Better transportation
- ▶ A better and cleaner downtown
- ▶ A new high school
- ▶ A different type of rec center
- ▶ More beaches
- ▶ Better bike paths
- ▶ Another SPCA for the stray animals
- ▶ Better bus service, more shopping, a cleaner and better downtown, more beaches. Compost bins for our garbage.
- ▶ More things to do, more shopping, cleaner and better downtown, a new high school, more activities like arcades, more beaches, more places to walk
- ▶ Affordable housing. More shops and cafes. A new high school. An arcade and a go karting place.
- ▶ More shopping, cleaner looking downtown, upgrade shopping malls, A new high school.
- ▶ Better places to shop, more corner stores, sidewalks, more beaches



- ▶ Renovate downtown. Things to do.
- ▶ A new high school. Better bus service. Better drinking water.
- ▶ Better transportation/ bus service
- ▶ Better pools
- ▶ New high school
- ▶ More beaches
- ▶ More shopping
- ▶ Bike paths/sidewalks
- ▶ Pride supporting places
- ▶ Dog parks
- ▶ More Walmart
- ▶ Cheaper housing less condos and more public stuff
- ▶ 'More shops, there's no clothing stores on the westside. A new high school, we have to many kids. Arcade better than Scandia. Local shops along the water. More walkway along beaches.
- ▶ More stores, some more beaches, more big-name stores, maybe an arcade, a go karting place, more fun things to do.
- ▶ Better transportation, a new high school. A better town center. A bigger pool. More docks in the beaches. Better side walks
- ▶ A free outdoor parkour course and an airsoft field.
- ▶ I kind of want to be able to buy a house or else I'm going to Belize because I'm not living in an apartment.
- ▶ Tampons that aren't large and cardboard in bathrooms along with pads for the females that don't use tampons. Need another high school in wk.
- ▶ Replace at least 1 Starbucks with Tim Horton's, new skatepark, better youth center, daycares, free school, another high school, Mount Boucherie is dying slowly, more restaurants that are cheaper than Boston pizza, etc.
- ▶ More places to eat. More high schools.
- ▶ Definitely more things to do more restaurants, more mobility. It's quite expensive to, when I go to school in the morning, I pay 2.50 that's 15 dollars a week just for me to get around town on one bus and the transfers only last 90 minutes.
- ▶ More busing so that people without a vehicle of their own can get around.
- ▶ More parks and public outdoor spaces.
- ▶ More variety in the shops downtown
- ▶ A bigger youth center like the H2O
- ▶ Free schooling
- ▶ One more high school MBSS is Way to full!
- ▶ More hiking/ biking lanes on the road like sidewalks
- ▶ More carnivals, more better stores in the mall, better malls, more malls and some fun stuff. Female products should be free in public places. Cleaner public bathrooms
- ▶ Better downtown, more hiking spots, better sidewalks, murals
- ▶ More sidewalks/new skate park
- ▶ Better stuff for youth to do/ a new high school
- ▶ More restaurants
- ▶ I think an improvement can be a bigger youth center. Also, more of a variety in downtown stores. We also need another high school because MBSS is crowded and it could add a closer option for farther away students. It would also be nice to have an improvement on the skate park as it is very bland. Another thing I highly recommend is more/better sidewalks for a safer way to walk around. Additionally, the transportation like buses could be improved.
- ▶ All city buses should come every 30 minutes and lower bus fair price.

- ▶ More things for youth to do, more protected parks and lands to conserve nature
- ▶ We need another high school.
- ▶ Something that could make the downtown better is more parks. For example, skate parks or playgrounds. We could also use another high school because schools would be less crowded and a closer option for some people. Last of it would be nice to have more restaurants to make it more interesting. We need more sidewalks so it would be a safe option to get places.
- ▶ More places to buy from
- ▶ Free tampons and pads in both men's and women's washrooms, there should be more and better things for youth to do, the city buses should come more often, better education, fill potholes, more even sidewalks, more gas stations that aren't all clumped at the exchange
- ▶ Repave the roads, maintain the roads to many potholes, make the buses come every half hour, buildings more accessible instead of tucked around other buildings and turns .
- ▶ Better downtown. More places for youth to go. More stores.
- ▶ I would add a lot more places to eat
- ▶ The housing crisis. Cut back on blowing up the mountains for houses that are all entirely unaffordable. Prioritize affordable housing.
- ▶ Video Games are insanely popular so we should have an arcade.
- ▶ We need a new high school. And more activity or places for youth
- ▶ Littering is abundant in public areas. It would be great if that could change.
- ▶ Make West Kelowna better

- ▶ I would probably add another dock like Gellatly because it's one of my favourite places to go to
- ▶ Healthy and safe living conditions. Fewer buildings, more wilderness, and forests. Better animal control, meaning animals aren't taken from their homes and they're able to free roam as long as they are not disturbing or putting people in danger.
- ▶ I would personally really like if there was an all-around gym, for working out, basketball, etc.

## MAP IT COMMENTS

- ▶ Youth center somewhere near here
- ▶ Turning right onto lower Glenrosa is a pain here
- ▶ The twisty half of this road could use some widening and repairs
- ▶ Crossing straight through on butt can have long queues
- ▶ Add pedestrian crossing on this side of intersection
- ▶ This is a very scary road, especially when people are speeding. Widen?
- ▶ I think we need that third eastbound lane to start back here (HOV)
- ▶ The school is ugly, there is so many portables please just expand the building
- ▶ Make a cross walk across butt road because the way it is now is really inconvenient and stupid
- ▶ This road is getting very busy
- ▶ This diamond has gotten very good upgrades
- ▶ If we could get a strong team to play here and attract fans like the Kelowna falcons.
- ▶ For more entertainment such are arcades, video game cafes, and just more fun things to do indoors for the winter.
- ▶ Good relaxing beach



- ▶ It's a very lovely park to go to. It's clean and I really enjoy it.
- ▶ The stairs are in need of maintenance
- ▶ It's a good space with a lot of hiking options
- ▶ Sidewalks
- ▶ I love the Mount Boucherie hiking trails.
- ▶ There are no sidewalks on Horizon Drive and it makes it dangerous to walk.
- ▶ Maybe a paved bike path along Boucherie road?
- ▶ It's very old looking compared to the rest of the city, lots of the shops look very run down.
- ▶ The library is awesome!
- ▶ Think about changing up the vision of this street.
- ▶ What can I say, it's pretty cool?
- ▶ It's swag, what can I say
- ▶ Please
- ▶ Favourite place to go in the summer
- ▶ The beach!
- ▶ The park!
- ▶ The housing in areas near downtown Kelowna have room for lots of improvement
- ▶ Add a small beach for those who are entering West Kelowna from Kelowna
- ▶ Hiking trails and bring information about how bad forest fires could be
- ▶ Small local snow park
- ▶ A park for the people that are living within the vista estates to the south of here
- ▶ This is important it's an amazing place to shop with so many different shops
- ▶ Maybe add gender neutral bathrooms
- ▶ Great place to go
- ▶ Could do with gender neutral bathrooms
- ▶ Make everywhere friendly for all
- ▶ Lots of stores and restaurants for people to enjoy in this area.
- ▶ Great fun in the summer but could be bigger and newly improved
- ▶ This place sucks
- ▶ Good mall
- ▶ This is bum
- ▶ Awesome
- ▶ Need more bus times for all bus's
- ▶ Love it
- ▶ School is old and small
- ▶ Rink at Jim Lind is old, cold and needs and update to look like Royal LePage
- ▶ I love how big the area is.
- ▶ Love the walkway and beach and volleyball net
- ▶ Not much for Youth to do here other than the skate park.
- ▶ Downtown West Kelowna is not a fun place to go- there aren't any good stores.
- ▶ I love how beautiful this location is.
- ▶ Great location and affordable
- ▶ Love the hikes
- ▶ Add sidewalks, this road is dangerous
- ▶ You could have a big park here with cool fun things to do. Maybe a youth center with things to do.
- ▶ So grateful to have a cheap thing to do with friends.
- ▶ Fun place to go
- ▶ I love winners
- ▶ My favourite place to go
- ▶ Such a beautiful place
- ▶ Could work on the land and grass
- ▶ I love going here

- ▶ Great place to hangout
- ▶ Love it here
- ▶ Super busy
- ▶ Love it here
- ▶ It's the only beach that has good sandy beach and that you don't have to type; in a password (e.g., First Nations Beach Park.)
- ▶ I love being able to relax here.
- ▶ It was a good idea to make the old First Nations beach into a beach that was better.
- ▶ I love winners! It's a great shopping place
- ▶ Close to the exchange, so it's a nice place to go after school to hang out
- ▶ I think Johnsons Bentley could use a little renovation. I think it could be a nice hangout spot
- ▶ It's a really nice modern place, and their food is really good.
- ▶ Nice fun place to swim.
- ▶ Add more dock/add more obstacles
- ▶ Add more places to park and load boats
- ▶ Get this up and running!
- ▶ Traffic control, add new bridge? Add new way into Kelowna
- ▶ Like riding here
- ▶ Add the KDBC again/races
- ▶ Improve building
- ▶ Like my dirt bike here
- ▶ Because I like the hot chocolate
- ▶ Because I have good memories with my friends there
- ▶ My elementary school
- ▶ Because I found my dog there
- ▶ Put a mall in
- ▶ Put restaurants and shops
- ▶ Very fun
- ▶ Renovate JBMAC
- ▶ Good that they added lights and score board and warning track
- ▶ Very old needs improvement
- ▶ Very old needs to be renovated
- ▶ Swim bay beach
- ▶ Corner store
- ▶ An actual park instead of a mini forest
- ▶ Ranch park
- ▶ Not a big fan of the church by the park
- ▶ What is this? Why is it in this area?
- ▶ It is a very cool environment
- ▶ It's kind of trash
- ▶ They have good food
- ▶ They need to improve their stock on Lego Star Wars and hot wheel
- ▶ Get rid of the school
- ▶ I like this tree
- ▶ It's too expensive and boring
- ▶ Really expensive
- ▶ Don't change
- ▶ Its' good food
- ▶ I love shopping here
- ▶ This complex is very well put together.
- ▶ It's gross and old and it smells.
- ▶ It's very small, and crowded
- ▶ Really nice but far from town
- ▶ Yes
- ▶ Very good food
- ▶ Has good K-pop album selection
- ▶ Yes



- ▶ Good food, I think we need more Asian restaurants.
- ▶ Yummy
- ▶ Yup
- ▶ Often has weird old men hanging around
- ▶ We need more movie theatres or for this one improved. Needs comfier seats
- ▶ Needs to be bigger, it's too small.
- ▶ We really should consider adding a mall in this location or somewhere in this location.
- ▶ Love this Walmart
- ▶ Needs to be bigger
- ▶ A big park or some sort of campus to have people play around
- ▶ A new High school
- ▶ Amazing
- ▶ Gymnastics center
- ▶ More houses in this area
- ▶ Add another dock or add a big beach
- ▶ Bigger dressing rooms
- ▶ Huge public beach
- ▶ Because I live here :)
- ▶ Good place to get drinks and stuff
- ▶ Please add a cross walk
- ▶ It's not very good
- ▶ They've got good burger
- ▶ They more stock, and Lego Star Wars
- ▶ It's pretty good
- ▶ Level it. Be gone with it
- ▶ They need more stock.
- ▶ It's too expensive and not very good
- ▶ There pasta is awesome. Also, their Poncho's are incredible
- ▶ More youth activities downtown
- ▶ To have more bus stop in Glenrosa I have to walk far from the bus stop to my house because there isn't a lot
- ▶ Make this more noticeable
- ▶ This better be LGBTQ+ friendly.
- ▶ Love these cows, don't ever move them
- ▶ Way too long of a bus route between here and Peachland
- ▶ Why is there two b and g clubs so close together?
- ▶ On the map this place looks like something exploded, replace the grass please so it is nicer.
- ▶ At least remove one church
- ▶ Put a road sign so people know where this is going
- ▶ Replace this with another Timmy's please
- ▶ Yas, Queen
- ▶ Make it easier to get around here please
- ▶ I can't even read the title
- ▶ Why so many farms in such a random spot? Honestly, put all farms together.
- ▶ What?
- ▶ Why so squiggly?
- ▶ A park
- ▶ Skate park
- ▶ Love it here
- ▶ This is the only thing to do right now
- ▶ Downtown west bank is really boring and I think it needs to be pretty right now it's ugly and I don't like walking down the main road.
- ▶ Add restaurants maybe more things to do like clothing stores or something
- ▶ This is a very great place I hope one day there will be more



- ▶ Add more trees, when you took the big ones down the beach has no shade and is pretty plain.
- ▶ My dog really loves to come here
- ▶ Build a youth center here and city park
- ▶ The sidewalks are uneven and the road just looks ugly.
- ▶ Improve it by bigger planters in the summer and more lights in the winter.
- ▶ It just seems sad
- ▶ Amazing for a carnival
- ▶ A zoo or an arcade
- ▶ So much space and its being taken by old cars
- ▶ More side walks
- ▶ Murals
- ▶ A youth center could be added here. Along with a city park.
- ▶ This area is very unappealing and unattractive. I feel like a nice community garden with benches and a fountain could be put here to make the place look more attractive and cleaner.
- ▶ Five Guys is a great restaurant and I think the food there is great!
- ▶ Improve this area to be more attractive and pleasing to the eyes and add sprinklers to improve the grass quality.
- ▶ I love this dog beach the mountain view is very eye appealing.
- ▶ This swimming dock park place could be improved. I feel like it would be more interesting if you added to it, making it similar to Swim Bay in Peachland.
- ▶ Although Willow beach is very popular, usually it has a lot of litter and garbage. I believe it needs to be cared for more.
- ▶ I think a small mall sort of area could be added here. It would give a variety of more places to get clothes and shop.
- ▶ New high school, MBSS is over run.
- ▶ Not safe
- ▶ Fun form of exercise
- ▶ Giant network of hiking trails
- ▶ Massive pothole. Please fill this.
- ▶ You could turn this big field into a park or waterpark.
- ▶ You should turn this into something attractive looking like a fountain with a bench
- ▶ You could add a community garden here with benches and sidewalks so people could walk up here to a nice view.
- ▶ You should add a clothing store so people would have more options to shop for clothing.
- ▶ I think it is great that we have dog beaches so people can go to the beach with their dog.
- ▶ Starbucks is a great coffee shop. We should add more of these.
- ▶ You should add some affordable housing here or an old folk's home so this space can be of use.
- ▶ Maybe add a park and a bench so it is a nice place to hang out.
- ▶ This school needs to be utilized better (with land)
- ▶ Better taken care of
- ▶ This road like the side road to the right going to or from Glenrosa there is way too many potholes and large cracks in the road
- ▶ There are so many just open fields just do something with them like an actual city park maybe
- ▶ Repave roads
- ▶ Repave all roads get like people who go around the city picking trash up so it looks livable not like the whole city is a meth house :)
- ▶ The water is not wet enough



- ▶ More places to go shopping instead of having to run to west Kelowna or Kelowna to get everything you need
- ▶ Remove this house please its super loud every day and I think there are crack heads
- ▶ Kick the people out of this house they are drug dealers!
- ▶ LOVE this. Once it's gone....
- ▶ The shelter is severely underfunded it needs a new location or more funding.
- ▶ There is a lot to do
- ▶ Its EB Games! What's not to love?
- ▶ It fuels my Slurpee addiction
- ▶ Needs more to do
- ▶ Turn this place into a Rec-Center. There could be sports, arcades, TV's and weekly activities.
- ▶ Very fun and good for the youth
- ▶ An area to skim board. Like skate park for skim boarding
- ▶ The whole area is old and outdated it needs to be renovated
- ▶ Sketch ball
- ▶ It's so pretty!
- ▶ Often dirty.
- ▶ Nice.
- ▶ Rock climbing wall
- ▶ I love hiking Mount Boucherie and I would like to see it stop being built on.
- ▶ You need a crosswalk here
- ▶ Bike paths/sidewalks would be nice here

## OTHER COMMENTS

- ▶ I look forward to improved road quality on lesser used routes
- ▶ More regular running buses would make everything much better. Also, more entertainment things would bring more tourist
- ▶ Make the city for safe for walks to the bus stops to go to school, like sidewalks
- ▶ Thank You for giving us an opportunity to voice our opinions on our city!
- ▶ No but I hope to see improvements in our growing community:)
- ▶ Great thing
- ▶ Yay West Kelowna
- ▶ Just create things to do
- ▶ Build a new high school
- ▶ Use a more recent map
- ▶ Please listen to my ideas
- ▶ I love that you guys are doing this survey. I love that idea!
- ▶ I think West Kelowna is a very good community and great place to visit! There can be some changes made to the environment like cleaning up open spaces. There are many spaces in West K. that are just an open patch of dirt and dead grass. I think to improve that, sprinklers could be added and a nice community garden.
- ▶ I think where we live is great but could be improved by adding more sidewalks and recreational things. For example, things like parks and benches in the big grass fields.
- ▶ That is quite a big list of things to do in 40 years I think it would be better to make a smaller list every 5 years to complete
- ▶ Do not build a town hall. It is a blatant waste of money.
- ▶ I love west Kelowna



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