



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: September 28, 2021

From: Chris Oliver, Senior Planner

File No: P 21-01

Subject: **P 21-01, Official Community Plan Review and Update; Phase Two Status Update “Plan West Kelowna”**

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Economic Growth and Prosperity – Support initiatives that promote the community's livability, business growth, agriculture, wineries, natural beauty, amenities, rich culture, and other attributes that position West Kelowna as a place to live, invest, work and play.

Strengthen Our Community – Support efforts to engage residents of all ages and backgrounds in community programs, visioning, and long-term community planning.

Foster Safety and Well-Being – Support efforts, taken in collaboration with provincial ministries, Interior Health, BC Housing, Westbank First Nation, non-profit societies, and others, aimed at creating a safe and healthy community for all residents.

BACKGROUND

The City's Official Community Plan (OCP) Update is well underway, with Phase One of the project complete and Phase Two coming to a close at the end of October. As part of finalizing Phase Two, additional consultation, including in-person and online engagement has been planned to ensure a wide cross-section of the community has been engaged. While this engagement builds on the significant engagement completed through the OurWK Vision exercise, it is important to continuously engage with the community as the scope of the project becomes more focused.

The upcoming activities are focused on gathering input on growth ideas for West Kelowna and will assist Council in developing a preferred growth scenario that will form the basis of the OCP's land use plan and key policies. Key dates for the upcoming in-person engagement sessions include:

- Shannon Lake Golf Course (Friday, October 1, 2021 – Morning)
- Save on Foods (Friday, October 1, 2021 - Afternoon)
- Smith Creek Trails Trailhead (Saturday, October 2, 2021 – Morning)
- Mt. Boucherie Sports Park (Saturday, October 2, 2021 – Afternoon)
- Rose Valley Trails (Sunday, October 3, 2021 – Morning)
- Nesters Market (Sunday, October 3, 2021 – Afternoon)

These sessions will include a broad overview of the process to date (Figure 1.), general comments and ideas on growth ideas (Figure 2.), and lastly, a mapping exercise with stickers to allow the participants to act as a city planner and identify how they would like to shape growth in West Kelowna (Figure 3.).

Poster Board #1

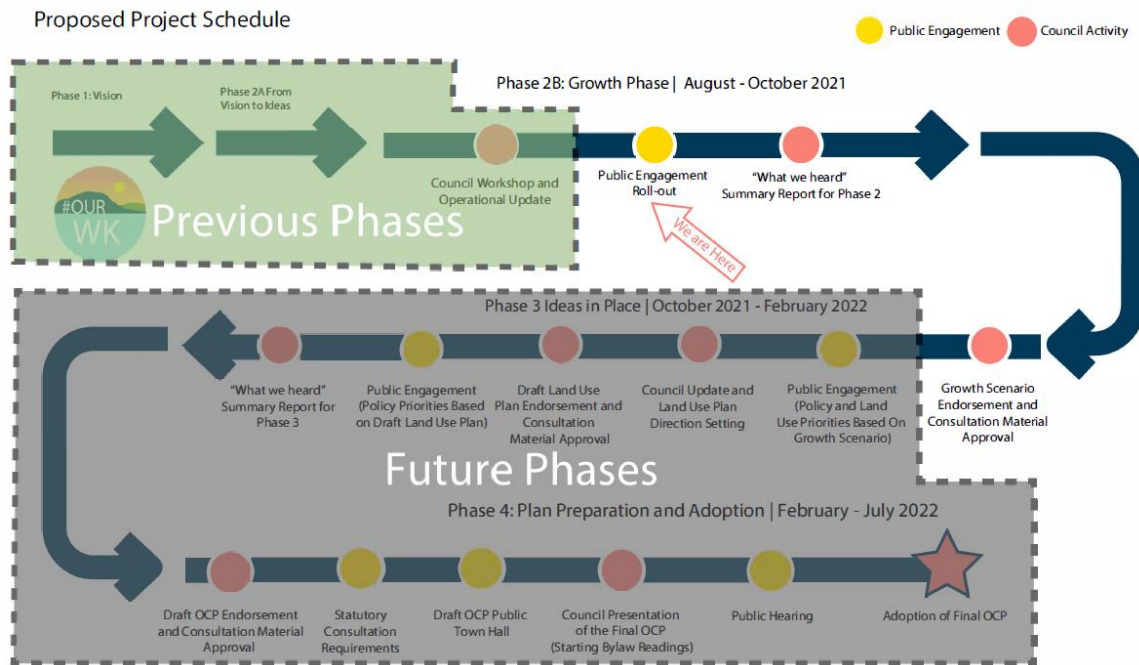


Figure 1. Process Overview

Poster Board #2

West Kelowna is Growing!

We've come up with four ideas for how West Kelowna can grow. Share your thoughts on these growth ideas!



<p>Town Centre</p> <p>The Town Centre Growth Idea is to focus new growth within the Westbank Centre, creating more apartments, town houses, shopping, recreation and employment opportunities to create an urban core in the city.</p>	<p>What do you like about this growth idea? What drawbacks do you see?</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Nodes</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Nodes Growth Idea is to focus growth in locations throughout West Kelowna that can accommodate more people and development. These areas will become local centres, smaller than the town Centre growth idea and provide opportunities to work, live, play and shop within the neighbourhood.</p>	<p>What do you like about this growth idea? What drawbacks do you see?</p>
<p>Transit-Oriented</p> <p>The Transit-Oriented Growth Idea focuses growth along Highway 97, West Kelowna's main transportation route. Areas with apartments, townhomes, shopping and employment will be located near public transportation stops, reducing the need for private automobiles.</p>	<p>What do you like about this growth idea? What drawbacks do you see?</p>	<p>Lake Focused</p> <p>The Lake Focused Growth Idea focuses new growth and density along and nearby the Okanagan Lake. This idea utilizes the waterfront to bring people closer to the lake, encouraging more opportunities to work, live, play and shop near the water.</p>	<p>What do you like about this growth idea? What drawbacks do you see?</p>

Figure 2. Growth Idea Activity

Poster Board # 3

West Kelowna is Growing!

Where should growth happen? What should it look like?
Place your housing stickers on the map below!

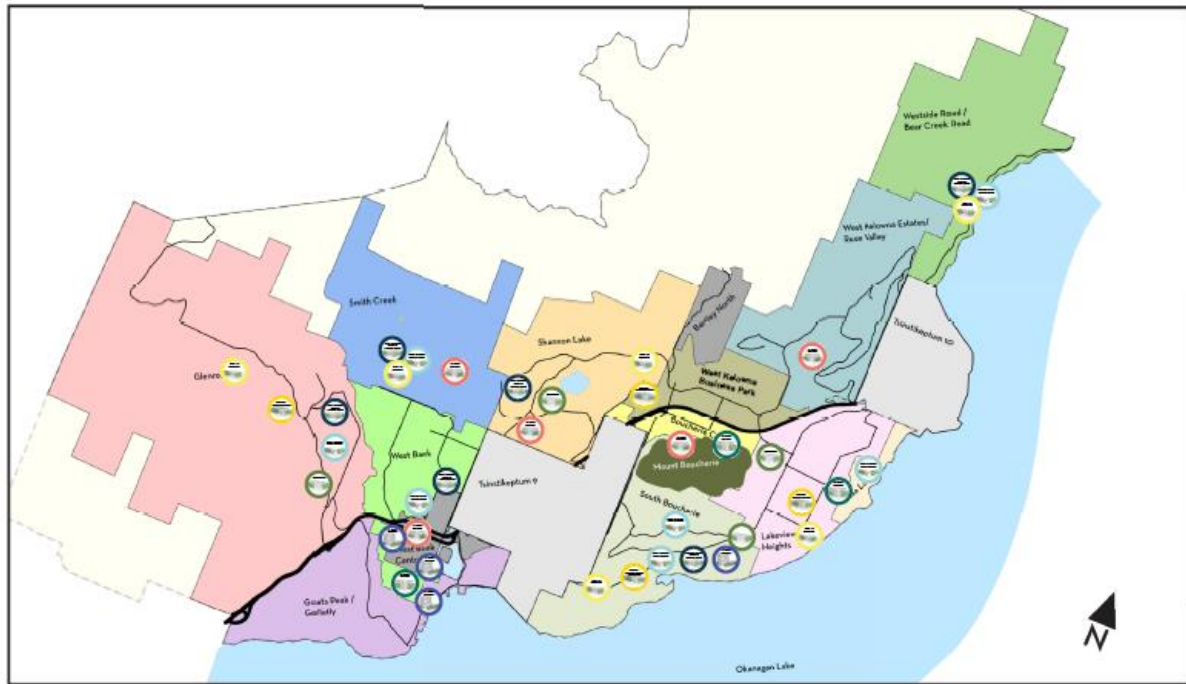


Figure 3. Mapping Exercise

In an effort to also provide similar opportunities to those who cannot attend the in-person events, similar activities have been developed on the City's online engagement platform and will be open for input from September 28th to October 11th titled "Plan West Kelowna". The online tool can be accessed through: ourwk.ca and includes additional information on the project, key dates, as well as an explanatory video on how to provide input through the three engagement tools.

As part of advertising for these events and this phase of the consultation, promotional materials for social media have been prepared, including a short invitation to participate video featuring Mayor Milsom.

NEXT STEPS

Following the consultation period, a Phase Two summary report will be prepared and presented to Council. The report will include details on the various stakeholder consultation meetings, staff and Westbank First Nation workshop sessions, as well as summary comments from the two consultation weekends.

The Phase Two summary report will, in conjunction with the growth forecasting report from Colliers International, form the basis for options regarding growth scenarios in West Kelowna. It is anticipated that options will be presented to Council regarding a preferred growth scenario in November.

COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
February 23, 2021	THAT Council endorse the West Kelowna, OurWK Community Vision Final Draft.	C093/21

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Powerpoint: Yes No