



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: October 26, 2021

From: Stirling Scory, Planner II Long Range

File No: P 21-01

Subject: **Official Community Plan Update; What We Heard Summary Report**

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Economic Growth and Prosperity – Support initiatives that promote the community's livability, local 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 – Council supports efforts to engage residents of all ages and backgrounds in community programs, long-term 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.

Invest in Infrastructure – Invest in annual capital programs that maintain our core assets, further extend sidewalk and active transportation networks, improve roadways, provide parks and recreation opportunities, and support numerous other infrastructure needs.

BACKGROUND

The City's Official Community Plan (OCP) Update is currently in its second of four phases, having completed Phase One in February of 2021, and Phase Two now coming to a close in mid October. Phase One saw the development of West Kelowna's Community Vision, which was completed through a comprehensive public engagement process and resulted in the creation of Five Foundations and 23 Key Directions to guide future decisions and actions for West Kelowna over the next 20 years.

Phase Two of the OCP Update is focused on gathering technical growth forecast information and input on growth ideas for West Kelowna. This information will assist Council in developing a preferred growth concept that will form the basis of the OCP's land use plan and key policies.

West Kelowna is projected to grow by 12,000 residents over the next 20 years; in order to accommodate this growth, additional housing will need to be provided. Consultation with the public was completed to understand from our community where and how they see the future growth of the community. The public engagement process included both online and in person pop-up stations that asked participants to engage in exercises that gauged their opinion on how West Kelowna could grow.

The first exercise was a “Growth Model Exercise” which asked participants what model of growth was viable for the future. Participants were asked to provide feedback on what they liked and didn’t like about each model. The “Housing Typology” mapping exercise asked residents to place different housing types on a map of West Kelowna to identify areas of future potential housing in the community. The exercises allowed participants to be a ‘planner for a day’ as they thought about the future of West Kelowna. Feedback from the exercises have been summarized in the *Growth Phase Consultation Summary Report: What We Heard – Fall 2021* (Attachment 1). Detailed comments that were gathered online through the project webpage through October 11, 2021 (ourwk.ca/ocp) can be viewed on the City’s project webpage.

This consultation summary report will be used to form the basis for options regarding a growth concept in West Kelowna.

Next Steps

It is anticipated that following the review of the Growth Phase consultation report, staff will present Council with a preferred growth concept in the coming weeks. This decision will serve as a launching point for Phase 3 of the OCP Update, which will start the process of developing a land use plan and supporting policies.

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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APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes ☒ No ☐

Attachments:

1. Growth Phase Consultation Summary Report: What We Heard – Fall 2021