Report to Council



Date:	April 30, 2018
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То:	City Manager
From:	Danielle Noble-Brandt, Policy & Planning Department Manager
Subject:	2040 OCP Facts in Focus – Financing the Plan

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Policy & Planning Department Manager dated April 30, 2018 with respect to the 2040 OCP Facts in Focus – Financing the Plan.

Purpose:

To proceed with Part 4 of the Facts in Focus series as it relates to topic-based background papers on the 2040 OCP update. The fourth installment of the Facts in Focus topics being introduced is Financing the Plan.

Background:

The public launch of the 2040 OCP update commenced in February 2018 and this OCP update is an opportunity to harness the community's vision and shape the growth of Kelowna over a 20-year time horizon. In preparation for the first phase of public engagement on growth scenarios, Policy & Planning have developed eight Facts in Focus papers to promote a broad understanding of the key issues and opportunities of the core OCP topic areas.

The Facts in Focus topic papers that have been presented to Council to date include:

- 1. Purpose of an OCP
- 2. Population and Housing
- 3. Building Complete Communities
- 4. Transportation
- 5. A Changing Climate
- 6. Natural Environment
- 7. Agriculture and Rural Areas

This Council Report highlights that last Facts in Focus paper titled '*Financing the Plan'*. Over the next 20 years the City of Kelowna is expected to grow by 50,000 people, providing significant benefits to the region, but also putting substantial pressure on the City to finance and build new infrastructure to support this growth. The decisions around where these residents are encouraged to live in Kelowna will determine the infrastructure that will be required and the financial impact to the City and taxpayers. The City's greatest challenge in planning and budgeting for the future is to optimize our resources to maintain basic services while responding to the expanding needs of our growing population with limited fiscal resources.

This concludes the Facts in Focus topic papers, which has aimed to create a baseline knowledge of current policy direction, areas of challenge and future opportunities for the 2040 OCP update. These resources can be found on the City's Imagine Next website (www.kelowna.ca/imaginenext), which will be supplemented with additional resources as they are created throughout the 2-year update process. By understanding the wide spectrum of topics that must be balanced, it is envisioned that Council and the public will have a higher understanding of the tradeoffs when selecting a growth management concept. As a whole, the OCP will provide a framework to shape and guide proposed development and infrastructure investments towards the long-term goal for achieving a vibrant, livable and resilient city.

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Approved for inclusion:

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Attachment:

1) Facts in Focus – Financing the Plan

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