

Report to Council



Date: June 11, 2018
File: 1200-40
To: City Manager
From: Michelle Kam, Sustainability Coordinator
Subject: Community for All Action Plan Implementation Progress Update

Recommendation:

That Council receives, for information, the report from the Sustainability Coordinator dated June 11, 2018, with respect to the Community for All Action Plan Implementation Progress Update.

Purpose:

To update Council on the Community for All actions implemented in 2017 as well as the actions slated for implementation in 2018.

Background:

The Healthy City Strategy is a long-term, integrative plan that the City is building in partnership with Interior Health. The Healthy City Strategy focuses on healthy places and spaces, community health and quality of life for all Kelowna residents. Once complete, the Healthy City Strategy will address six theme areas: Healthy Neighborhood Design, Healthy Food Systems, Healthy Natural Environments, Healthy Transportation Networks, Healthy Housing and Community for All. Community for All was the first theme area of the Healthy City Strategy to be developed.

The Community for All Action Plan, approved by Council on December 12, 2016, identified areas to adapt policies, plans and programs to achieve the vision "*to create a city that is healthy, safe, active and inclusive for seniors, children, and those with diverse abilities.*" The overall goal of the Plan is to reduce chronic diseases and social isolation through increasing health, physical activity, social connections, accessibility and equity as it relates to city building.

The Community for All Action Plan recommended 31 actions to be either explored or implemented in 2017 and 2018. The City is leading 21 of these actions and key community stakeholders are leading the remaining 10 actions. Of note, it is important to recognize the ongoing resources that are required for the implementation phase to ensure that the Plan's vision and potential is realized. Implementation is

the process that turns strategies and plans into actions in order to accomplish strategic objectives and goals. The Community for All Action Plan is an example where ongoing resources, people, systems and organizational commitment are required from a number of partners to realize the Plan's vision. Effective plans need to be living documents to ensure actions are implemented and that the corresponding monitoring and evaluation are conducted on a continual basis.

A summary on the progress of those actions is provided in Appendix A: Status of Community for All Actions. Of the actions slated for implementation in 2017, three of the actions are not proceeding due to different reasons that include lack of resources (staffing and/or funding) and other unforeseen issues. Of the actions slated to be explored or implemented in 2017, seven are ongoing, six are in progress and eight are complete.

Highlights of the actions implemented in 2017 include:

- Policy & Planning is leading the second theme area of the Healthy City Strategy – Healthy Housing Strategy, which will be brought to Council in early summer;
- Active Living & Culture integrated "Sport for Life" as a key action item in the City's Community Sport Plan;
- Roadways received an ongoing budget item of \$20,000 for accessibility retrofits;
- Infrastructure assessed 157 City parks and 76 City buildings with a focus on ensuring accessibility for all residents; and
- People In Motion expanded their online Accessibility Guide to include the above parks and buildings assessments.

In 2018, seven new actions will be implemented and many of the 2017 actions will be ongoing.

The strength of the Community for All Action Plan includes the collaboration and partnerships with, and commitment from, City departments and key stakeholders. The City of Kelowna, Interior Health and numerous community stakeholders are working collectively together to develop and foster a culture of all ages and abilities. By advancing the Community for All actions, the City in partnership with various agencies, will promote a community where policies, services and structures related to the physical and social environment are designed to support and enable people of all ages and abilities to live in a secure environment, enjoy good health, and continue to participate fully in society.

Existing Policy:

Community for All Action Plan, endorsed in December 2016.

External Agency/Public Comments:

Information in the report regarding the stakeholder led actions was received from Interior Health, Pathways Abilities Society, People in Motion, School District #23 and Seniors Outreach Society.

Submitted by:

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Approved for inclusion:



Danielle Noble-Brandt, Policy & Planning Department Manager

Attachments:

Appendix A – Status of Community for All Actions

cc:

Community Planning & Real Estate Divisional Director
Active Living & Culture Divisional Director
Integrated Transportation Department Manager
Infrastructure Delivery Department Manager
Senior Project Manager
Communications Advisor
Community Policing Coordinator
Parks & Buildings Planning Manager
Parking Services Manager
Community & Neighborhood Services Manager
Sport & Event Services Manager
Event Development Supervisor
Neighborhood Development Coordinator
Roadways Operations Supervisor
Community Planning Department Manager
Planner II
Interior Health
Pathways Abilities Society
People in Motion
School District #23
Seniors Outreach Society