

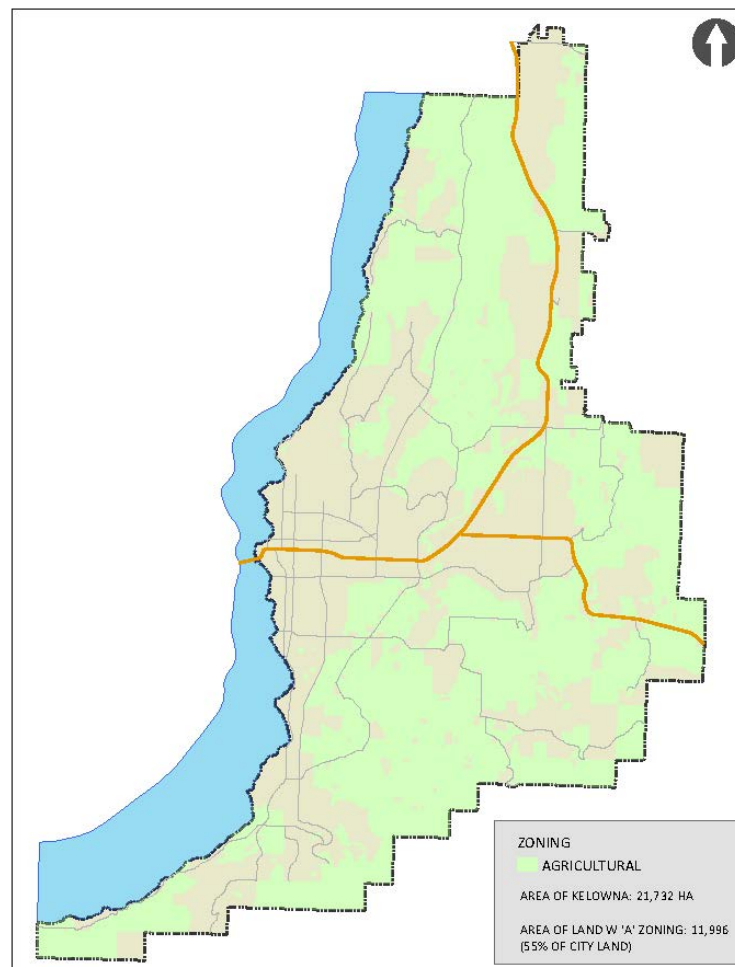
AGRICULTURE PLAN UPDATE

February 29, 2016



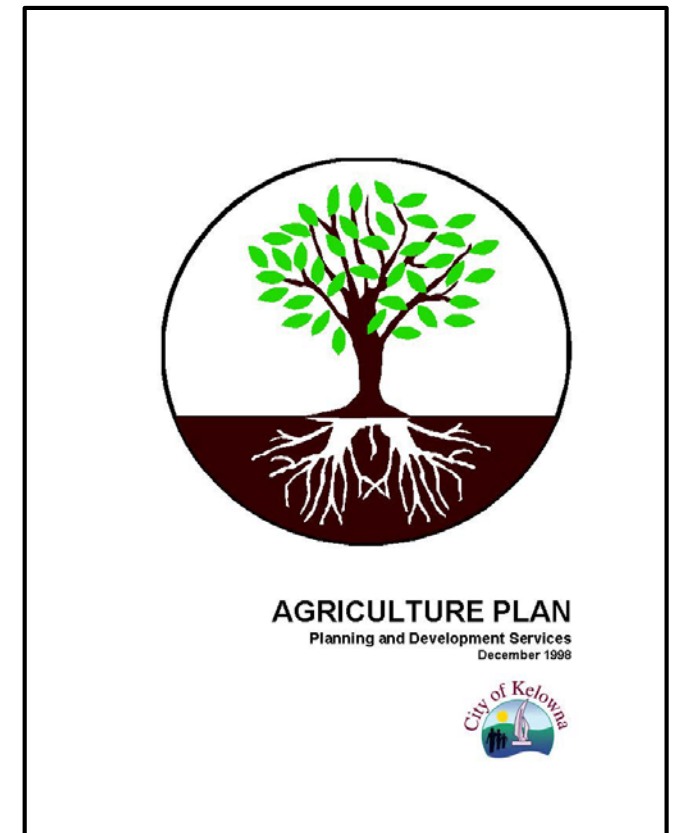
AGRICULTURE IN KELOWNA

- ▶ 11,996 hectares with Agriculture Zoning (55% of land base)
- ▶ 8,621 hectares in ALR (40% of land base)



CHANGES SINCE 1998 AGRICULTURE PLAN

- ▶ 2 major OCP updates
- ▶ Introduction of Permanent Growth Boundary
- ▶ Regional Growth Strategy
- ▶ Changes to provincial agricultural regulations



PROJECT GOALS

- ▶ Develop clear prescriptive policies;
- ▶ Identify opportunities to strengthen farming and develop agriculture as an economic driver;
- ▶ Increase the amount of, and access to, locally grown food; and
- ▶ Build resilience against rising food costs and climate change.



PLAN TIMELINE

Expected Completion

Phase 1 - Background Scoping and Agricultural Profile	May, 2016
Phase 2 - Public Consultation and issues identification	Spring, 2017
Phase 3 - Plan development	Spring, 2017



ENGAGEMENT

Facilitate meaningful dialogue
by engaging

- ▶ Agriculture Advisory Committee input
(e.g. stakeholders, vision, goals, priorities)
- ▶ Online public survey
- ▶ Stakeholder group sessions (x3)
- ▶ Open house (x3)



PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- ▶ Vision, goals, and priority areas;
- ▶ Updated agricultural mapping;
- ▶ Local government market opportunities;
- ▶ Recommended policy and actions
 - ▶ Protection strategies
 - ▶ Policy directions
 - ▶ Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
 - ▶ Bridging gaps in local food system
- ▶ Implementation strategy and monitoring framework



THE VALUE OF A NEW AGRICULTURE PLAN

- ▶ Tool to review development applications;
- ▶ Establish baseline profile of agricultural activity;
- ▶ Inform upcoming 2040 OCP update;
- ▶ Inform the “Healthy Food Systems” chapter of the Healthy City strategy; and
- ▶ Guide policy regulations in A1 zone updates.



FUNDING THE PLAN

The Plan will be funded as follows:

Real Estate Foundation of BC <i>(approved)</i>	\$20,000
Investment Agriculture Foundation <i>(decision to be made April, 2016)</i>	\$20,000
<u>Policy and Planning Existing Budget</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$60,000

QUESTIONS?

