

Report to Council



Date: August 13, 2018
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To: City Manager
From: Policy and Planning Department
Subject: 2040 OCP Growth Scenario 3 Discussion

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the discussion on Growth Scenario 3 as it relates to the growth management strategy direction for the 2040 OCP.

Purpose:

To inform Council of the key characteristics of the preliminary Growth Scenario 3 prior to it being refined for endorsement.

Background:

The time of a major OCP update allows for a refreshed community vision and corresponding policy framework to be renewed to respond to current and pressing growth management issues. Since the last adoption of the 2030 OCP in 2011, the City has experienced a high volume of population growth, shifting community expectations, and evolving external factors and trends that require the City to be adaptable and responsive in order to continue to thrive. This OCP update is no exception, and through the recent Imagine Kelowna process, the community has crafted a vision of the future for how to thrive in the face of unprecedented growth and change. The community has asked us to be agile, resilient and unafraid to do things differently based on 4 principles: connected, collaborative, responsible and smarter.

This OCP update is an opportunity to re-evaluate the City's growth strategy, and optimize the benefits of growth so that all of our community can experience a high quality of life. However, this exercise requires decisions that evoke tradeoffs, as each growth scenario comes with both benefits and disadvantages that need to be carefully deliberated. The preferred Growth Scenario 3 has been arrived at through multiple lenses:

- Imagine Kelowna vision and framework

- Technical indicators (ie. transportation network optimization, financial capability to deliver on the infrastructure (up front capital and ongoing maintenance), responsiveness to climate change, creation of livable communities, agricultural preservation, etc.)
- *Pick Your Path to 2040* public engagement results
- Existing development approvals
- Established policy direction and goals

As such, it is important to understand the upcoming tradeoffs with formal endorsement of a growth scenario, and the attached presentation serves to overview some of the high level attributes of Growth Scenario 3. The goal is to ensure that Council is apprised of these tradeoffs to confidently advance the further refinement of Growth Scenario 3 that will serve as the framework for both the OCP and TMP processes moving forward.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Local Government Action, Section 471

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Local Government Act, Sections 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, and 478

Existing Policy:

2030 Official Community Plan
20 Year Servicing Plan
Council Policy No. 372: Engage Policy

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