

Report to Council



Date: September 17, 2018
File: 0920-20
To: City Manager
From: D. Edstrom, Acting Divisional Director, Community Planning and Strategic Investments
Subject: City of Kelowna Land Strategy

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Acting Divisional Director, Community Planning and Strategic Investments dated September 17, 2018, with respect to City of Kelowna Land Strategy;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the City of Kelowna Land Strategy attached as Schedule 'A'.

Purpose:

To receive Council approval of the City of Kelowna Land Strategy

Background:

The City of Kelowna Land Strategy articulates the City's approach to the acquisition, disposition and management of municipal land. The strategy provides direction to the activities of the City's Strategic Investment Division and establishes the overarching framework for the development, implementation and amendment of related Council policies and corporate strategies.

The City's strategic approach to the acquisition, disposition and management of municipal land has been central to Kelowna's success in achieving short and long-term city-building priorities. Proactive, innovative and affordable approaches are pursued to meet land needs for social, cultural, recreational and economic initiatives, and other infrastructure projects critical to the daily lives of Kelowna's residents.

Many of the City's land needs are identified through the corporate policy, planning and budgeting framework; however, the City is also alert to strategic and unique opportunities that arise over time. The City actively looks to acquire land, secure public access to land and leverage existing municipal land to further advance a broad range of community priorities.

Financial benefits are also achieved through creative approaches to municipal land management, innovative use of real estate tools and the disposition of surplus municipal land.

The nature and quality of community life, and the capacity to position Kelowna to compete with major global and Canadian cities in attracting business, industry and talent, will continue to depend on an active role for the City in strategic land investment.

Internal Circulation:

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Divisional Director, Financial Services
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Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:
Existing Policy:
Financial/Budgetary Considerations:
Personnel Implications:
External Agency/Public Comments:
Communications Comments:
Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by: D. Edstrom, Acting Divisional Director, Community Planning and Strategic Investments

Attachments: 1. Schedule A – City of Kelowna Land Strategy