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City of Kelowna 1435 Water Street Kelowna, BC, V1Y 1J4

## **Attention: James Moore**

## Subject: Letter of Support Capri-Landmark Urban Centre Plan

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As a Partner in Community Building, the UDI Okanagan Chapter is committed to working with communities and governments to create and achieve the vision of balanced, well-planned, sustainable and affordable communities.

The purpose of this letter is to express our support for the City of Kelowna's Capri-Landmark Urban Centre Plan. We have had a UDI Okanagan Board representative participate throughout this engagement process and have also promoted public engagement opportunities to our general membership.

This project is a great example of how the City of Kelowna is striving to align city plans and policies to build vibrant urban centres. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input and believe that this plan will build consensus in how future development and investment in this area will translate into a complete community. Also, the use of targets from the *Urban Centres Roadmap* will serve as a new model for urban centre planning in Kelowna.

Sincerely,

## URBAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OKANAGAN CHAPTER

Per: Kevin Edgecombe, Chair of UDI Okanagan



September 12, 2018

Ross Soward, Planner Specialist City of Kelowna 1435 Water Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 1J4 <u>rsoward@kelowna.ca</u>

Dear Mr. Soward:

## RE: Capri Landmark Urban Centre Final Plan

Interior Health Healthy Communities is pleased to provide a letter of support for the City of Kelowna's Capri Landmark Urban Centre Plan. We have been involved with the public engagement and planning process for this plan, as well as the Urban Centres Roadmap. It is understood the City of Kelowna is considering the Capri Landmark Urban Centre final plan for adoption.

The way the neighbourhood and street network are designed will affect how people living, working and visiting this urban centre will interact with their physical and social environments. Increasing opportunity and perception of safety for active transportation enables residents to be more physically active, less sedentary, more socially connected, and less dependent on vehicular transportation. This directly affects health outcomes by lowering rates of cardiovascular disease, diabetes and some cancers, and improving mental health. In addition, complete, compact, and well-connected communities improve health equity by lowering costs of living (e.g. cycling is more affordable than driving), increasing accessibility, and improving opportunities for social interaction. Neighbourhood and transportation network design impact health outcomes. When the overall sense of well-being in the community increases, productivity, business activity, property values, and tax revenue are also enhanced.

Healthy built environment principles are well incorporated into the Capri Landmark Urban Centre final plan. As such, it will increase opportunities for physical and social activity in the community, which health research has shown to be effective for improving the overall health and well-being of residents. Therefore, Interior Health Healthy Communities is pleased to provide a letter of support. Ross Soward September 12, 2018

Sincerely,

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Resource:

BC Centre for Disease Control. Healthy Built Environment Linkages Toolkit: making the links between design, planning and health, Version 2.0. Vancouver, B.C. Provincial Health Services Authority, 2018.

http://www.bccdc.ca/pop-public-health/Documents/HBE linkages toolkit 2018.pdf