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City of Kelowna  
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**Attention: Kevin Van Vliet**

**Subject: Water Regulation Bylaw Changes – Temporary Water Use for Construction**

The Urban Development Institute (UDI) is a national association (with international affiliations) of the development industry and its related professions. The corporate members of the UDI - Okanagan Chapter represent hundreds of individuals involved in all facets of land development and planning, including: developers, property managers, financial lenders, lawyers, engineers, planners, architects, appraisers, real estate professionals, local governments and government agencies.

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.

Thank you for consulting with UDI Okanagan on the City of Kelowna's draft Water Regulation Bylaw changes related to temporary water use for construction. After careful review and discussion of the proposed changes and rationale, we have concerns that the proposed approach may cause an additional layer of red-tape between builders, developers and home owners, making it more onerous for the building community. Additionally, we do not believe it resolves the underlying issue of water quality concerns that the City would like to have eliminated.

A preferred approach would be for the City to hold the Occupancy Permit until a water meter is installed, which would place the onus on the Building Inspector to enforce this.

Thank you in advance for considering our feedback on this matter.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Gaucher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Per: Andrew Gaucher, Chair of UDI Okanagan