

Re: Support for Growth Scenario 3

In August 2003 it was only by the grace of God that fire marshals were able to evacuate hundreds of Kettle Valley families down Chute Lake Road, through side roads and over fields to escape from the devastating Okanagan Mountain Fire.

This event repeats itself in our minds every day as we inch down the same road in the ever-increasing morning traffic congestion. It is this vision that many of us carried to the Imagine Kelowna initiative to express our concern that more should be done to match accelerated residential development in Neighbourhoods 1, 2 and 3. with adequate arterial road access.

It was with great relief when Growth Scenario 3 was released in 2018 recognizing our input and was subsequently endorsed by Mayor and Council. The report was thoughtful and conclusive as it recognized the Canary in the Coal Mine warning of August 2003 for the need to make major changes in matching future residential development with anticipated vehicle traffic volumes (and more creative public transit).

It will be with great regret to our residents to learn that City Council is now considering a step backwards to a Growth Scenario 2.5 plan, which appears to be a compromise with Growth Scenario 2, a previously rejected plan in the public consulting process.

Residents and neighbours of the Kettle Valley Neighbourhood will be meeting with City transportation staff (Mayor Basran is also graciously considering attending.) on April 2 for an information meeting at Chute Lake Elementary on this very subject. We will be reviewing the history of arterial roadway development in the Upper Mission and a What's Next scenario.

The voters who participated in the Image Kelowna initiative have clearly provided the sustainability tools to best shape the next Official Community Plan, so it is our hope that on March 4 Kelowna City Council will unanimously support the mayor and city staff in their endorsement of Growth Scenario 3.

Respectfully yours,

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