

# Report to Council



**Date:** May 9, 2016  
**File:** 1250-20  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Laura Bentley, Planner II, Policy & Planning  
**Subject:** Regional Context Statement

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the Report from the Planner II dated May 9, 2016 with respect to a new Regional Context Statement;

AND FURTHER THAT Official Community Plan Text Amending Bylaw No. 11205 be forwarded to a Public Hearing for further consideration.

## **Purpose:**

To forward OCP Text Amending Bylaw No. 11205 to a Public Hearing in order to incorporate a new Regional Context Statement.

## **Background:**

The Official Community Plan (OCP) must include a Regional Context Statement that reflects the connection with the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) Regional Growth Strategy. The Regional Growth Strategy was adopted in June 2014 and the new Regional Context Statement will replace the existing one to demonstrate how the policy direction of the OCP is consistent with the intent of the Regional Growth Strategy.

On February 29, 2016, Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 11205 to amend Chapter 2 of the Official Community Plan with a new Regional Context Statement. In accordance with Section 448 of the *Local Government Act*, the proposed Bylaw was submitted to the RDCO for consideration by the Regional Board. The Board accepted the proposed Bylaw at their meeting on April 14, 2016.

Staff are now recommending that Bylaw No. 11205 be moved forward to a Public Hearing for further consideration, as per the Report from the Planner II dated February 29, 2016.

**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

*Local Government Act* Part 13 - Regional Growth Strategies, Division 5 - Regional Context Statements, Sections 446-448

*Local Government Act* Part 14 - Planning and Land Use Management, Division 3 - Public Hearings on Planning and Land Use Bylaws

**Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:**

As per Section 448 of the *Local Government Act*, once the Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw is accepted by the Regional Board, Council will consider it at a Public Hearing.

Notice of the Public Hearing will be placed in the newspaper in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act*.

**External Agency/Public Comments:**

The Regional Board passed the following resolution on April 14, 2016:

THAT the Regional Board accept the City of Kelowna's proposed Regional Context Statement in their Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 11205.

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Internal Circulation:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Personnel Implications:

Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

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**Attachments:**

Regional Board Resolution #88/16