

Report to Council



Date: May 16, 2016
File: 1200-40
To: City Manager
From: Michelle Kam, Sustainability Coordinator
Subject: Community for All Ages Update

Recommendation:

That Council receives, for information, the report from the Sustainability Coordinator dated May 16, 2016, with respect to the Community for All Ages Update.

Purpose:

To inform Council on the status of the Community for All Ages project prior to the commencement of community engagement.

Background:

Like many other cities, Kelowna is grappling with how to build a vibrant, healthy and sustainable city in the face of challenges including climate change, a growing prevalence of chronic health conditions, and an aging population.

How communities are planned and built, and the services and resources provided within them, directly impacts people's physical and social health.

The Community for All Ages Plan is the first project under the Healthy City Strategy, a long-term, integrative plan that the City is building in partnership with Interior Health. The Healthy City Strategy focuses on healthy places and spaces, community health and quality of life for all Kelowna residents. Under this umbrella, the Community for All Ages Plan will aim to deliver on a vision "to create a city that is healthy, safe, active and inclusive for seniors, children and those with diverse abilities."

The Community for All Ages Plan will identify areas to adapt policies, plans and programs to respond to the evolving needs of our community as actions for healthier seniors will provide co-benefits to children and residents with diverse abilities, enabling them to be active and engaged within our community.

In order to assist in the preparation of the Community for All Ages Action Plan, the City received a grant from The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). The UBCM grant requires that direct engagement occur as part of the development of the Plan and that all work be completed in 2016. A variety of direct in-person and key stakeholder engagement will be combined with online techniques for the community engagement. Public input will be used to inform potential areas for physical design, policy, programming and service provision and create a Community for All Ages Action Plan.

The Community for All Ages Action Plan will address both physical environments and services for all ages. This Plan is being developed by working with several teams including:

1. **Healthy City Strategy Steering Committee** - this committee consists of senior leaders and staff from both the City and Interior Health. This committee is overseeing the entire Healthy City Strategy and have signed a Collaboration Agreement to work together for a minimum of three years. This committee guides the development of each of the theme areas as well as the indicators and targets for the Healthy City Strategy.
2. **City and Interior Health Staff Technical Team** - this team consists of technical staff from both organizations that are working directly on the Community for All Ages project. These experts aid in the development of implementable policies and actions for the Community for All Ages Plan.
3. **Stakeholder Advisory Committee** - this committee consists of key stakeholders from the community, including: Interior Health, UBC, School District #23, Community Action Towards Children’s Health (CATCH), Central Okanagan Division of Family Practice, Seniors Outreach Services Society, Pathways Abilities Society and People in Motion. This committee provides input on the Community Inventory (successes, gaps and priorities for Kelowna), makes recommendations for community engagement, and acts as a champion for the project in the community.
4. **Barefoot Planning** - this is the consultant hired to work with Policy & Planning staff and the above teams to develop the Community Inventory, to conduct community engagement, and to provide draft policy and action recommendations.

The timelines for the project consist of the following:

Task	Details	Date
Community Inventory	Developed in collaboration with the above teams	May 3 & 4
Community Engagement	Four public in-person engagements and one key stakeholder workshop	May 29 - 31
	on-line engagement at getinvolved.kelowna.ca (see attached Fact Sheet for details)	May 24 - June 13
Draft Recommendations and Consultant Report	Including Community Inventory, Community Engagement and proposed recommendations	End of July
Draft Community for All Ages Action Plan	City and Interior Health to partner on draft	Early Fall

	Action Plan	
Community Consultation	Consultation on draft Community for All Ages Action Plan	Late Fall
Council	Council consideration on Community for All Ages Action Plan	December
UBCM final grant report	Finalizing granting requirements	December / January

The Community for All Ages Plan will help shape Kelowna over the coming years to meet the evolving needs of residents of all ages and abilities and will be the first step towards creating an overarching Healthy City Strategy for Kelowna.

Internal Circulation:

Community Planning & Real Estate Divisional Director
Active Living & Culture Divisional Director
Regional Planning Manager
Infrastructure Delivery Department Manager
Policy & Planning Department Manager
Communications Advisor

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

The UBCM grant of \$20,000 is contingent on two components: direct engagement and work being complete in 2016.

Existing Policy:

Official Community Plan

- Objective 5.23 Address the needs of families with children through the provision of appropriate family oriented housing
- Policy 7.16.2 Park Accessibility. Design parks to meet the needs of a variety of user groups, including families, youth, and seniors. Where appropriate, parks will be designed to meet universal access standards for outdoor spaces.

External Agency/Public Comments:

Key stakeholder organizations will be invited to participate in a stakeholder workshop at the end of May. Other organizations and the public will be able to participate on-line or at the community conversations open to the public.

Communications Comments:

A dedicated website has been developed kelowna.ca/planningprojects
The project will be communicated through direct in-person and online social media (getinvolved.kelowna.ca)

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:
Personnel Implications:

External Agency/Public Comments:
Communications Comments:
Alternate Recommendation:

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Approved for inclusion: (DG)

cc:
Healthy City Strategy Steering Committee
Community for All Ages Staff Technical Team

Attachment: Community for All Ages Engagement Fact Sheet