

REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT



BACKGROUND

- ▶ OCP must include a Regional Context Statement
- ▶ RDCO's new Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) was adopted June 2014
- ▶ Regional Context Statement connects RGS issue areas to OCP objectives and policies

RGS ISSUE AREA: OUR LAND

Issue Area Goal

To manage the land base effectively to protect natural resources and limit urban sprawl.

5.1.3 Rutland & Downtown Revitalization Tax Exemption

5.2.3 Complete Suburbs

5.2.4 Complete Communities

5.2.5 Integrated Land Use

5.3.1 Permanent Growth Boundary

5.3.2 Compact Urban Form

5.33.3 Urban Uses

7.3.2 DCC Framework

7.4.1 Urban Centres and Densifying Neighbourhoods

5.3.1 Permanent Growth Boundary...*The City of Kelowna will support development of property outside the Permanent Growth Boundary for more intensive use only to the extent permitted as per the OCP Future Land Use designations...*

RGS ISSUE AREA: OUR ECONOMY

Issue Area Goal

To develop and enhance a positive business environment in the region to achieve a dynamic, resilient and sustainable economy.

5.19.6 North End Industrial
5.30.1 Industrial Supply Protection
8.1.1 Sustainable Prosperity
8.1.2 EDC
8.4.2 Communication
8.4.4 Business Improvement Areas
8.4.5 Entrepreneurial Initiatives
8.5.1 Monitor Costs

8.7.1 Highway 97
8.7.2 Transportation Networks
8.7.3 Mobility and Servicing
8.7.4 Communications Infrastructure
8.7.5 Airport
8.9.1 Positive Image
8.9.2 Downtown

8.1.1 Sustainable Prosperity. *Assign priority to supporting the retention, enhancement and expansion of existing businesses...and the attraction of new businesses and investment...*

RGS ISSUE AREA: OUR WATER RESOURCES

Issue Area Goal

To manage and protect water resources.

5.19.1 Development Over Lake Surface
5.36.1 Hydro-Geologically Sensitive Areas
7.17.2 Water Conservation
7.20.1 Water Availability for Agriculture
7.202. Irrigation District Boundaries and Standards
7.20.3 Groundwater Protection
7.21.1 Best Practices
7.23.1 Run-off Volumes

7.23.2 Re-use of Stormwater
7.23.3 Urban Run-off Impacts
7.23.4 Surface Drainage / Detention Areas as Amenity Space
DP Guidelines
7.0 Erosion Control
8.0 Water and Drainage
9.0 Groundwater

7.23.1 Run-off Volumes. *Manage runoff volumes generated by urban development to minimize changes in water flow and impacts to watershed health.*

RGS ISSUE AREA: OUR HEALTH

Issue Area Goal

To contribute to the improvement of community health, safety and social well-being.

5.5.3 CPTED Guidelines
5.6.1 Accessibility Measures
5.14.2 Dedication of Linear Parks
5.14.6 Beach Access Dedications
5.32.10 Health Care Facilities
5.32.13 Recreational Facilities
5.36.3 Design for People and Nature
7.2.4 Design Guidelines
7.8.2 Active Transportation
7.8.6 Signal Length / Wait Time

7.8.7 Pathway Configuration
7.12.2 Natural Area Parks and Open Space
7.12.3 Regional Parks
7.12.5 Walking Radius
7.12.6 Glenmore Recreation Park
7.12.7 Alternative Park Space
7.16.1 Design to Context
7.16.2 Park Accessibility
10.1.1 Distribution of Community Resources

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RGS ISSUE AREA: OUR FOOD

Issue Area Goal

To support a regional food system that is healthy, resilient and sustainable.

5.2.5 Integrated Land Use

5.13.1 Farmer's Markets

5.13.2 Edible Landscapes

5.13.3 Community Gardens

5.13.4 Multi-residential Shared Garden

5.33.1 Protect Agricultural Land

5.33.2 ALR Exclusions

5.33.7 Subdivision

5.34.1 Secondary Suites

5.34.2 Farm Help Housing

5.34.3 Homeplating

7.5.1 Service Corridors

5.33.1 Protect Agricultural Land. *Retain the agricultural land base by supporting the ALR and by protecting agricultural lands from development...Ensure the primary use of agricultural land is agriculture, regardless of parcel size.*

RGS ISSUE AREA: OUR HOUSING

Issue Area Goal

To improve the range of housing types and tenures to meet the social and economic needs of the region.

5.9.1 Conversion of Rental Dwellings
5.22.7 Healthy Communities
5.22.8 Embracing Diversity
5.22.10 Adaptable Housing
5.22.11 Housing Mix
5.22.12 Carriage Houses & Accessory Apartments
5.22.13 Family Housing

5.23.1 Ground-oriented Housing
7.3.1 Housing Mix
10.3.1 Housing Availability
10.3.2 City-owned Land
10.3.4 Use of the Housing Opportunities Reserve Fund

10.3.1 Housing Availability. *Support the provision of housing for all members of the community, including those in core housing need or requiring special needs housing...*

RGS ISSUE AREA: OUR CLIMATE

Issue Area Goal

To minimize regional greenhouse gas emissions and respond to the impacts of climate change.

5.2.2 Sustainability Incentives
5.16.1 Heat Recovery
5.16.2 Eco-industrial Network
5.16.3 Variances for “Green” Features
6.2.1 GHG Reduction Target and Actions
7.1.3 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Criteria
7.8.1 Sidewalk Funding

7.8.2 Active Transportation
7.8.5 Walkability
7.8.8 Bicycle Parking
7.8.9 Utility and ROW Corridors
7.19.2 Energy Reduction Priorities
7.19.3 Renewable Energy

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RGS ISSUE AREA: OUR ECOSYSTEMS

Issue Area Goal

Be responsible stewards of natural ecosystems to protect, enhance and restore biodiversity in the region.

5.2.5 Integrated Land Use
5.15.1 No Net Loss of Aquatic Habitat Productivity
5.15.2 No Net Loss of Terrestrial Habitat
5.15.3 Environmentally Sensitive Area Linkages
5.15.7 Protection Measures
5.15.11 Habitat Protection
5.15.12 Steep Slopes
5.22.1 Cluster Housing

5.35.1 Biodiversity
6.1.1 Natural Ecosystem Management
6.1.2 Species at Risk
6.3.1 Tree Canopy Coverage
6.3.2 Preferred Plant Species
7.12.2 Natural Area Parks and Open Space
7.12.3 Regional Parks

6.1.1 Natural Ecosystem Management. *Ensure the protection of biodiversity, the conservation of critical habitats and the sustainable use of biological resources...*

POPULATION & EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS

- ▶ Project continued population growth
- ▶ Traditional employment generators and growth in other sectors expected
- ▶ RGS and OCP projections are generally consistent

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- ▶ Provincial target to reduce GHG emissions by 33% in 2020 (from 2007 levels)
- ▶ Several OCP objectives and policies to support reduction in GHG emissions

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NEXT STEPS

- ▶ If supported, the Regional Context Statement Bylaw is submitted to the RDCO Regional Board for acceptance
- ▶ Once accepted, the Bylaw is considered by Council at a Public Hearing