

# Report to Council



**Date:** July 25, 2016  
**File:** 0610-50  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Rafael Villarreal, Regional Planning Manager (Project Manager for Strategic Visioning Project)  
**Subject:** Imagine Kelowna Speaker Series (Guest #1 Dr. Keith Culver)

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the presentation from Dr. Keith Culver, dated July 25, 2016, regarding scenario planning as a way to face uncertainty;

## **Purpose:**

To receive a presentation from Dr. Keith Culver on planning for uncertainties, as the opening talk of the Imagine Kelowna guest speaker series.

## **Background:**

As part of the Imagine Kelowna initiative, a series of prominent guest speakers and experts will be sharing their knowledge, experiences and expertise with Council and the community. Opening the speakers series is Dr. Keith Culver from UBC Okanagan.

Scenario planning is a daunting task. As part of the Strategic Visioning Project, the community must choose a path for a future full of uncertainties. As a community, we have to think about how we can plan to adapt for many future possibilities.

Dr. Keith Culver, Professor of Management at UBC's Okanagan campus, will share perspectives on foresighting and scenario planning as ways to face uncertainty regarding the future. Dr. Culver grew up in the Okanagan, left to see the world, and came home in 2011 after two decades of working in a variety of roles including research and development collaborations with major international firms in the energy, transport, and construction sectors. His experience includes holding the Econovig International Chair in Eco-Innovation in the UniverSud Paris consortium of universities.

## **Internal Circulation:**

Divisional Director, Communications & Information services  
Divisional Director, Community Planning & Real Estate  
Divisional Director, Infrastructure

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority  
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements  
Existing Policy  
Financial/Budgetary Considerations  
Personnel Implications  
External Agency/Public Comments  
Communications Comments  
Alternate Recommendation

Submitted by:

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Approved for inclusion:



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Attachment 1 - Dr. Keith Culver Presentation

cc: Divisional Director, Community Planning & Real Estate  
Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture  
Divisional Director, Civic Operations  
Divisional Director, Communications & Information Services  
Divisional Director, Corporate & Protective Services  
Divisional Director, Human Resources & Corporate Performance  
Director, Business and Entrepreneurial Development