



### 3.0 Mitigation Options

The purpose of this report is to outline several mitigation options related to the exclusion application for a regional transit facility previously considered by the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Staff have reviewed the City of Kelowna Agricultural Plan and Official Community Plan for potential implementation projects that could be budgeted for and funded by the City to off-set and mitigate the agricultural impact of the regional transit facility. Agricultural implementation projects have been evaluated in relation to their impact, relevance to the transit project, and feasibility. Three mitigation options are proposed to be considered:

1. **Creation of a permanent full-time Agricultural Enforcement and Compliance Officer position.**
  - a. This position would directly support the City of Kelowna Agriculture Plan action item 1.4a to: Maintain and expand the City's Agricultural Compliance and Enforcement Strategy.
2. **Commitment to design and install a vegetative buffer around the proposed Transit Facility that meets and exceeds City of Kelowna Development Permit guidelines and best practices found in the Ministry of Agriculture Guide to Edge Planning.**
  - a. This would be a direct investment in on-site trees and landscaping in accordance with established guidelines and best practices and would demonstrate how buffering requirements can be achieved.
3. **Creation of an agricultural signage program to design and install signage in strategic high visibility areas to promote and protect agriculture.**
  - a. This aligns with the City's Agriculture Plan Action item 3e: Evaluate an agricultural signage program to raise awareness and appreciation for agricultural areas within the City.

Prior to asking council to consider the proposed exclusion application related to the transit facility staff are asking the AAC to provide an additional recommendation to Council if they support or not support the three specific mitigation options above.

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#### **Attachments:**

Attachment A – August 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 AAC Report