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<u>Application to Rezone the Property with an Additional Variance from RR1 – Rural Residential 1 to RR1c – Rural Residential 1 with Carriage House at 180 Rimrock Rd.</u>

### Dear Planning Staff,

The purpose of this application is to rezone the subject property from RR1 to RR1c to allow for the construction of a carriage house. Context photos are provided to show the current configuration of the property. Due to the topography of the land, a Variance application is requested to reduce the front yard setback. The lot size is exceptionally large at 1.04ha (10,368m²), therefore it is within regulation to rezone the property to allow for a carriage house on septic. The property is outside of the ALR. As outlined by Environmental Planning Staff, a Natural Environment Development Permit is not required as part of this application. However, a Geotechnical Report is attached to prove the feasibility of the carriage house project from a slope stability perspective.

# Official Community Plan Objectives

Under the 2040 Official Community Plan, the Future Land Use designation for the property is Rural – Agricultural and Resource. When outside of the ALR, a carriage house is a permitted use. In addition, the following pillars are met:

1. Stop planning new suburban neighbourhoods.

Creating sensitive infill within existing suburban neighbourhoods reduces the desire for new suburban neighbourhoods to be planned. In turn, those who wish to live in a suburban neighbourhood can do so without constructing a new home in a new neighbourhood.

2. Promote more housing diversity.

Although suburban neighbourhoods do not allow for dense housing diversity when compared to the core area, the addition of carriage houses and secondary suites are a great way to utilize existing properties and services to create diverse housing options in areas of lower density.

3. Protect our environment.

Constructing a carriage house in the proposed location (upper bench of the property) will prevent construction in areas of sensitive stability and riparian management.

# Rezoning & Development Variance Permit

The proposed carriage house is 100m² in size and conforms to all regulations under the RR1c and Specific Use sections of Zoning Bylaw 8000. The building footprint has been placed outside of SRW Plan 17912A. A parking stall for the carriage house will be located in the existing driveway for the single-family dwelling. A 1.2m wide lit pathway will connect the carriage house to the parking stall, reducing the need for another access to the property.

The Development Variance Permit application seeks to reduce the front yard setback from 6.0m to 4.5m. The requested Variance will allow for the carriage house to remain on the upper bench and prevent any construction on the slope portion of the property. Since 4.5m is the common setback for buildings in residential neighbourhoods, we believe 4.5m is a reasonable setback Variance to respect the road right-ofway.

#### Geotechnical Report

The location of the proposed carriage house is flagged as Hazardous Condition and Vulnerable Groundwater Aquifer. Therefore, it was advised by City Staff that a geotechnical analysis be undertaken on the property before application. The Geotechnical Report outlines that "the proposed development is feasible from a geotechnical perspective, provided that the recommendations outlined in Section 6.0 are incorporated into the overall design." As previously mentioned, City Staff also advised that a Natural Environment Development Permit is not necessary as part of the carriage house project.

#### Conclusion

In the immediate neighbourhood, two of the neighbouring properties are zoned "c" for Carriage House and one of the neighbouring properties has a carriage house application in stream. Although the subject property is located outside of the Permanent Growth Boundary, we believe the application is beneficial for multiple reasons. The proposed carriage house will better utilize a large property and provide housing for relatives of the landowners or a tenant who may enjoy the nature of the area. Okanagan Mountain Park and Bertram Creek Park are located less than 500m from the subject property. In addition, the property is located within a "Wildland Fire Hazard DP Area." In a rural neighbourhood, it is important for residents to beware of hazards such as wildfire. The proposed carriage house will allow for an increased number of residents to protect the neighbourhood and promote safety through hazard observance.

In conclusion, approval of this Rezoning and Variance application will allow for the landowners to enhance their beautiful property in a desirable area of Kelowna, adding positive infill to the area.

Regards,

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