

Council Priorities 2023-2026

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Agenda

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Summary

- > 22 initial actions
- ▶ 6 priority areas

Within each priority area

- Council priority actions
- ► How we measure progress on the priority
- ▶ The results we want to see



Crime & Safety

Council Priority Actions

- Strategy to address property crime; including break and enters and theft
- 2. Provide local Business Improvement Areas support for urban center safety issues (e.g. 'Red Shirts' program)
- 3. Establish a safety task force with stakeholders
- 4. Partner with Provincial ministries responsible for mental health and problematic substance use on initiatives (i.e. Community Safety Plan) that improve local conditions

- # or % of residents who feel safe in Kelowna increases.
- Decrease in business break and enters and thefts.
- Public safety resources keep pace with community growth (e.g. police, bylaw and fire).

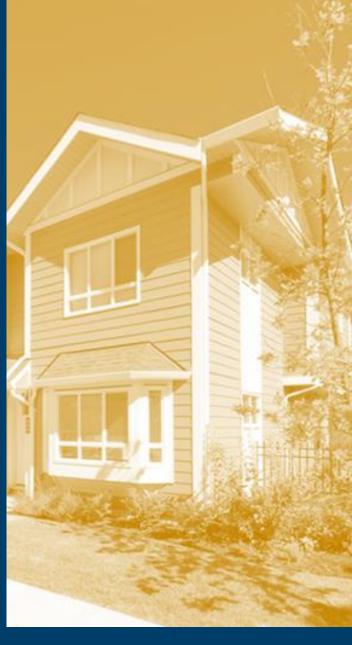


Affordable Housing

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Acquire city owned land to build affordable housing
- 2. Increase number of rental units with below market rents
- 3. Partner on the creation of a low-cost affordable housing pilot project

- Residents have improved access to affordable housing whether they rent or own.
- The city has an improved housing supply that meets the social and economic needs of the community.
- An increase in the supply of affordable housing options for people with low to moderate incomes.







Homelessness

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Advocate for additional Complex Care Centre (e.g. Red Fish Healing Center)
- 2. Explore partnership opportunities for alternative forms of sheltering
- Advocate for purpose-built permanent shelter with 'wrap-around' supports and graduated housing options
- 4. Develop an emergency winter shelter program

The Results We Want to See

- A decrease in the number of people living on our streets who have mental health and/or addictions from the previous term.
- Reduce the impacts of social issues stemming from lack of support for people experiencing poverty, problematic substance use and untreated mental health conditions on the community.



Transportation

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Explore alternative modes of transportation between UBCO/YLW and downtown.
- 2. Improve transit service including expanding the transit pass program.
- 3. Improve traffic flow and capacity on major road networks (e.g. Lakeshore Road)
- 4. Complete the functional design of the Hwy 33 multi-modal traffic corridor
- 5. Enhance traffic safety presence

- Capacity and traffic flow is enhanced on major road corridors
- More trips by alternative transportation modes (e.g. transit, rideshare, biking, walking)
- Traffic safety management is increasing (e.g. speed control)







Agriculture

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Facilitate the creation of a permanent home for the farmer's market
- 2. Review the Agriculture Plan with respect to secondary uses
- 3. Expand Enforcement/Bylaw Officers

The results we want to see

• Increased engagement and support for the agricultural industry as an integral part of our healthy food system, economy and culture.



Climate & Environment

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Include 'Climate Lens' in decision making to assess mitigation and adaptation
- 2. Increase urban tree canopy (e.g. tree-lined medians)
- 3. Pilot energy concierge program to enable retrofits in buildings

- Reduce corporate and community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (e.g. energy efficient buildings, zero-emission vehicles and charging infrastructure, urban focused growth, alternative transportation modes, renewable energy)
- Protect and restore natural areas (e.g. Okanagan Lake, urban forest, wetlands)
- Include a Climate Lens in City decision making, ensuring we always consider climate impacts
- Enhanced climate emergency planning and response programs (e.g. flooding, wildfires, extreme heat and a changing water supply)





What is next?

▶ Progress reporting at six, twelve and eighteen months