



Council Priorities 2023-2026

March 13, 2023

Agenda

- ▶ Council priorities 2023 – 2026
- ▶ What is next?

Council priorities 2023 - 2026

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

1. 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

The results we want to see

- # 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

The results we want to see

- 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.



A photograph showing a person in winter clothing pushing a shopping cart filled with various items, including bags and boxes, on a snowy street. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a hat. The background is a blurred city street with trees and buildings, suggesting a winter setting. The image has a warm, orange-tinted overlay.

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
3. 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

The results we want to see

- 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

The results we want to see

- 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