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# Council Policy

## Official Community Plan Consistency Policy

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### Guiding Principle

The City of Kelowna uses the Official Community Plan (OCP) to guide how and where Kelowna will grow. A public hearing is not required for zoning bylaws that are consistent with the OCP. Zoning bylaws that are not consistent with the OCP require a public hearing.

### Purpose

To establish guidance for determining if a zoning bylaw is consistent with the OCP.

### Application

This policy applies to an application to amend the Zoning Bylaw submitted in accordance with Development Application and Heritage Procedures Bylaw No. 12310, as amended or replaced.

### Policy Statements

- 1) A zoning application is consistent with the OCP when it meets the following criteria:
  - a) **Balancing Policy:** The OCP is a statement of objectives and policies, meaning that determining consistency will require balancing those objectives and policies to best align with the OCP's ten pillars and growth strategy, as outlined in Chapter 1: The Big Picture.
  - b) **Consistency with Mapping:** Maps that form part of the OCP represent a reflection of the OCP's objectives and policies. Zoning bylaws must be consistent with the Future Land Use Designations outlined in Map 3.1. Staff will consider the numerous objectives and policies that inform this map and other maps in the OCP to evaluate consistency; and
- 2) A report to Council for a zoning application will identify relevant OCP policies and how the application does or does not meet them.
- 3) Council may choose to direct a zoning application consistent with the OCP to public hearing at:
  - a) initial bylaw consideration; or
  - b) following notice of first reading.
- 4) Staff will recommend that a zoning application with a staff recommendation of non-support or a text amendment to the Zoning Bylaw be sent to public hearing.
- 5) A Future Land Use Designation does not compel Council to support or adopt a bylaw or works, even where consistent with the OCP, nor does it compel Council to allocate the highest amount of density on a property that is guided by that designation.