

Report to Council



Date: October 12, 2016
File: 0610-50
To: City Manager
From: Rafael Villarreal, Manager, Integrated Transportation (Project Manager for Strategic Visioning Project)
Subject: Imagine Kelowna Speaker Series (Guests #3 Mr. Michael Geller)

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the presentation from Mr. Michael Geller, from the Geller Group dated October 17, 2016, regarding the challenges and opportunities from a housing perspective;

Purpose:

To receive a presentation from Mr. Michael Geller, on the Future of Housing, challenges and opportunities, as the third talk of the Imagine Kelowna guest speaker series.

Background:

As part of the Imagine Kelowna initiative, a series of prominent guest speakers and experts will be sharing their knowledge, experiences and expertise with Council and the community. The third speaker in the series, Mr. Michael Geller, architect, planner, real estate consultant and property developer will share his extensive knowledge in urban design, affordable housing and housing density.

The future of housing plays a crucial role in every community and housing choice is critical. Housing is fundamental and a priority now and in the future of our city.

Although progress is being made with addition of 116 units of affordable housing being developed and 1,046 rental housing under construction or in approval stage there is still work to do in a hot housing market. We have to think about how we can adapt for growth and resiliency as housing continues to be top of mind.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Alternate Recommendation:

Communications Comments:

Existing Policy:
External Agency/Public Comments:
Financial/Budgetary Considerations:
Internal Circulation:
Legal/Statutory Authority:
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:
Personnel Implications:

Submitted by:

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Approved for inclusion:



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Attachments: Biography - Mr. Michael Geller

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Divisional Director, Divisional Director, Communications & Information Services
Divisional Director, Human Resources & Corporate Performance
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