

# Report to Council



**Date:** January 15, 2024  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Provincial Legislation Changes and Land Use Planning Impacts  
**Department:** Planning, Climate Action and Development Services

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives for information the report from the Divisional Director of Planning, Climate Action & Development Services dated January 15, 2024, related to the impacts of provincial legislation changes on land use planning in Kelowna.

## **Purpose:**

To update Council on the impact of provincial legislative changes on land use planning in Kelowna.

## **Background:**

During the fall of 2023, the Provincial government passed a series of legislative changes (Bills 44, 46 and 47) which have wide ranging impacts on land use planning in British Columbia.

## **Discussion:**

Staff have reviewed the content and supporting regulations related to the legislation in provincial Bills 44, 46 and 47. Based on this review, staff are providing an overview of the scope of local bylaw amendments needed to comply with the change. While changes to Kelowna's OCP (and associated) bylaws are necessary, the structure of Kelowna's OCP2040 and recently adopted bylaw; and the City's work on its Infill Options project will help support an organized transition. Furthermore, the legislation contains some immediate changes to process such as public hearings which will impact a traditional local government planning process.

## **Considerations applicable to this report:**

***Financial/Budgetary Considerations:*** The Provincial Government will be providing a one-time grant to help the City of Kelowna fund the costs of the necessary changes.

**Communications Considerations:** Staff from the Planning and Communications teams are working to update the City's website as well as provide Council with an easy to use 'quick-reference' style summary of all of the changes and required City follow-up.

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Consultation and Engagement:

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Attachment: PowerPoint