



City of  
**Kelowna**

# Agriculture Plan Progress Report

November 2023





# Agriculture in Kelowna

- ▶ 46% of the land base dedicated to Agriculture (A1 (ALR) & A2 zone)
- ▶ 983 parcels equaling 6,507 actively farmed in Kelowna
- ▶ \$190 million in farm operating revenue (2021, Central Okanagan)
- ▶ Provides local food security, attenuates stormwater, mitigates flood and wildfire risk, reduces heat island, tourism
- ▶ Crops and farm products have national and international reputation



# Ag Plan background

- ▶ Vision

*Kelowna is a resilient, diverse, and innovative agricultural community that celebrates farming and values farmland and food producers as integral to our healthy food system, economy and culture.*

- ▶ 52 recommendations (actions)

- ▶ 30 actions with existing resources
- ▶ 22 actions if additional resources

- ▶ 13 indicators to measure success



# Changes since 2017

- ▶ ALC Act and ALR Regulations amendments
- ▶ COVID-19 pandemic
- ▶ Climate hazards affecting production
- ▶ New City policy and plans (OCP, TMP, etc.)
- ▶ New Council Priorities

CBC

Agricultural sector bracing for Okanagan wildfire season after dry spring

## New Agricultural Land Reserve regulations take effect

severe

Legislation bans mega-mansions and penalizes illegal dumping

CBC News · Posted: Feb 23, 2019 3:51

## Crime, safety, affordable housing and other priorities endorsed by Kelowna council

'During the election last fall, citizens told us directly what is important to them'

KELOWNA ADOPTS NEW OCP

## Kelowna city council has adopted its roadmap for future growth over the next 20 years

Wayne Moore · Oct 27, 2021 / 4:00 am



CityNews Vancouver

## Okanagan growers continue with harvests

The show must go on, and orchards in the Okanagan are pushing on with their harvests, despite the wildfires and smoke.

Aug 22, 2023

EXTREME DROUGHT DECLARED

## Extreme drought declared in Central, North Okanagan by Ag Canada

Colin Dacre · Aug 14, 2023 / 5:49 pm

CBC

## Trucking industry working to get around catastrophic B.C. highway closures

The 4 highway links between the Lower Mainland and B.C.'s Interior are closed, rattling supply chains. Rafferty Baker · CBC News · Posted:...

Nov 17, 2021

# Agriculture Plan relationships





# Action progress

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35

Completed or ongoing

7

In progress

2

Not started

8

No longer applicable / Not proceeding





# Action highlights

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- ▶ Increased coordination efforts with ALC Compliance & Enforcement
- ▶ Reinforcement of PGB in new OCP
- ▶ Revised Farm DP Guidelines in new OCP
- ▶ Ag zoning refinements in new Zoning bylaw
- ▶ Mow/chip/rent/buy rebate
- ▶ New term agricultural planner position



# Evaluating success



5 indicators performing  
in the right direction



2 indicators with minimal  
difference



4 indicators performing in  
the wrong direction





## Next Steps

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- ▶ Completing Agriculture Land Use Inventory
- ▶ Regional Agricultural Round Table
- ▶ Continue to integrate agricultural lens into other City policies and plans
- ▶ Continue with “ongoing” and “in progress” actions
- ▶ Investigate options for “not started” actions
- ▶ Participate in Regional Agricultural Strategy (scheduled for 2024)





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