

Report to Council



Date: May 27, 2024
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: 2024 PIBC Awards for Excellence in Planning
Department: Planning, Climate Sustainability and Development Services

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives for information the report from the Planning, Climate Sustainability and Development Services Division regarding the receipt of a 2024 PIBC Award for Excellence in Planning, dated May 27, 2024.

Purpose:

To notify Council of the receipt of a 2024 PIBC Award for Excellence in Planning.

Background:

The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) annually recognizes the professional work and individual accomplishments of members through its awards and recognition programs. The Awards for Excellence in Planning honour the best in professional planning work undertaken in communities and regions across British Columbia and Yukon.

Discussion:

The City of Kelowna, along with partner organizations CitySpaces Consulting and rennie group, received a 2024 Silver Award in the category of Research & New Directions in Planning for the City of Kelowna Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) 2021 – 2031. The City’s HNA was supported by a grant from the Union of BC Municipalities.

The City of Kelowna’s HNA, presented to Council on September 11, 2023, provides a comprehensive analysis of the state of housing in Kelowna and identifies how much and which types of housing are needed today and in the future. Specifically, Kelowna’s HNA was recognized for taking a leading-edge approach that can serve as a blueprint for communities across the province and beyond. Kelowna’s HNA sets itself apart in several ways, including:

- Pioneering new methods to establish the scope and scale of the community’s existing housing deficit;

- Defining concrete housing system targets that serve as a call to action for the entire housing system; and,
- Finding new and creative ways to communicate effectively the results of a complex, comprehensive technical report to broad audiences.

Overall, Kelowna's HNA provides a best-in-class investigation of the City's housing system and estimates current and future housing need using in-depth quantitative and qualitative analytical methods. The award was presented at the 2024 BC Land Summit in Nanaimo on May 8th, 2024.

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