

Update to Council Priorities 2023-2026

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Agenda

► Priority setting & reporting process

▶ Updated Council priorities 2023 – 2026

▶ What is next?









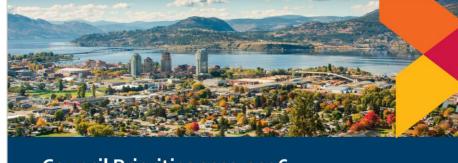


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City of **Kelowna**



Council Priorities 2023-2026





Council priorities 2023 - 2026

Summary

- ▶ 30 actions
- > 7 priority areas

Within each priority area

- Council priority actions
- ► How we measure progress on the priority
- ▶ The results we want to see



Crime & Safety

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Advance implementation of Mayor's Task Force on Crime Reduction recommendations, including Business Improvement Area support
- 2. Reduce property crime; including break and enters and theft
- 3. Demonstrate effectiveness of visibility on high-risk traffic behaviour (e.g. speeding, texting) and crime
- 4. Support retention of current policy restricting use of drugs in public spaces
- 5. Partner with ministries responsible for mental health and addictions on initiatives (i.e. Community Safety Plan) that improve local condition, including alternative response models and advocacy

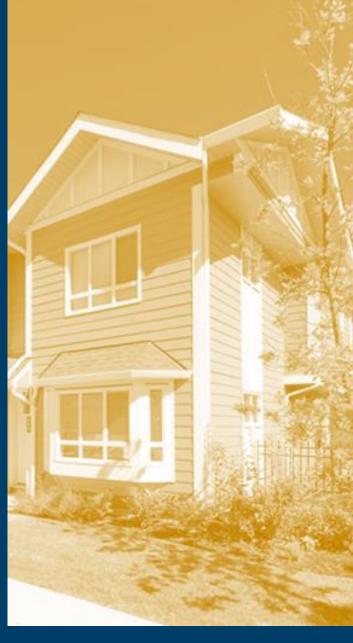
- # or % of residents who feel safe in Kelowna increases.
- Decrease in business break and enters and thefts.
- Public safety resources keep pace with community growth (e.g. police, bylaw and fire).

Affordable Housing

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Meet provincial/local affordable housing targets with support from the Province
- 2. Complete Housing Action Plan including incentive options
- 3. Partner on the creation of a low-cost affordable housing pilot project
- 4. Investigate options to protect renters impacted by redevelopment projects and protect existing rental stock

- Residents have improved access to affordable housing whether they rent or own.
- The city has an improved housing supply that meets the social and economic needs of the community.
- An increase in the supply of affordable housing options for people with low to moderate incomes.







Homelessness

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Advocate for a regional care facility (e.g. Red Fish Healing Center model)
- 2. Complete the delivery of tiny home units committed to by the Province
- 3. Facilitate a purpose-built permanent shelter with 'wrap-around' supports and graduated housing options
- 4. Assess feasibility of care and delivery models such as a multi-care site

The Results We Want to See

- A decrease in the number of people living on our streets who have mental health and/or addictions from the previous term.
- Reduce the impacts of social issues stemming from lack of support for people experiencing poverty, problematic substance use and untreated mental health conditions on the community.

Transportation

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Complete the functional design of the Hwy 33 multi-modal traffic corridor and propose a partnership delivery model to the Province
- 2. Secure funding for a new transit operations centre
- 3. Enhance traffic safety (e.g. traffic calming and pedestrian infrastructure)
- 4. Explore alternative modes of transportation between UBCO/YLW and downtown
- 5. Improve transit service including expanding the transit pass program
- 6. Improve traffic flow and capacity on major road networks (e.g. roads bundle)

- Capacity and traffic flow is enhanced on major road corridors
- More trips by alternative transportation modes (e.g. transit, rideshare, biking, walking)
- Traffic safety management is increasing (e.g. speed control)







Agriculture

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Protect agricultural lands
- 2. Continue to ensure farmland is used for permitted uses
- 3. Ensure sufficient & high-quality agricultural water supply

The results we want to see

• Increased engagement and support for the agricultural industry as an integral part of our healthy food system, economy and culture.



Climate & Environment

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Complete the Climate Resilient Kelowna Strategy
- 2. Include 'Climate Lens' in decision making to assess mitigation and adaptation
- 3. Increase urban tree canopy (e.g. tree-lined medians)
- 4. Pilot energy concierge program to enable retrofits in buildings

- Reduce corporate and community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (e.g. energy efficient buildings, zero-emission vehicles and charging infrastructure, urban focused growth, alternative transportation modes, renewable energy)
- Protect and restore natural areas (e.g. Okanagan Lake, urban forest, wetlands)
- Include a Climate Lens in City decision making, ensuring we always consider climate impacts
- Enhanced climate emergency planning and response programs (e.g. flooding, wildfires, extreme heat and a changing water supply)







Economy

Council Priority Actions

- 1. Seek opportunities to enhance economic diversification
- 2. Attract new employment and support existing business growth
- 3. Assess the City's supply of employment lands
- 4. Consider the City's investment into economic development

- Priority sectors for economic diversification are supported.
- The number of businesses are increasing.
- The city has a sufficient supply of suitably located and serviced employment lands.
- Economic development service delivery models and level of investment are evaluated.



What is next?

► Report on Council priority actions within 6 months

▶ Progress report end of March 2025