



City of
Kelowna

Housing Action Plan Interim Update

November 4, 2024

Purpose



To receive the Housing Action Plan Interim Report.



To direct Staff to further explore and report back on the draft objectives and actions of the Housing Action Plan as described in the report.

Housing Action Plan 'HAP'

- ▶ Create a Plan that will achieve two key outcomes:
 1. Ensure residents have access to suitable housing options.
 2. Maintain a housing system that adapts to future community needs.
- ▶ The HAP builds upon past, ongoing, and future City efforts and investments in housing and social development, serving as a roadmap for our activities in the years ahead.

Objectives

1. Homelessness in Kelowna is rare, brief, and one-time.
2. Kelowna has a diversity of housing types, tenures, and affordability levels to meet the needs of all community members.
3. Kelowna continues to provide innovative leadership on housing issues.
4. The community's housing objectives are advanced through collaboration.
5. The City and its partners have clear governance roles for decision-making on complex housing-related issues.

Developing the Plan

- ▶ Housing Needs Assessment (2023)
- ▶ Housing Wheelhouse



Integration of Federal & Provincial Initiatives

Housing
Accelerator
Fund (HAF)

Homes for
People Action
Plan

2023 Planning
Legislation
Changes

Provincial
Housing
Targets

Reaching
Home

Belonging in
BC

Local Voices

- ▶ Industry
- ▶ Social and Health
- ▶ Business associations
- ▶ NGOs
- ▶ Lived and Living Experience



Prioritizing High-Impact Actions



26 actions identified to meet the objectives of the HAP



5 high-impact actions to facilitate swift and effective implementation

High-Impact Actions

1

Improve access to services for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness by enhancing communication and collaboration among service providers.

High-Impact Actions

2

Support tenants facing eviction due to redevelopment.

High-Impact Actions

3

Strengthen the City's incentives for affordable housing.

High-Impact Actions

4

Reduce municipal charges for affordable housing projects.

High-Impact Actions

5

Ensure minimum parking regulations don't reduce housing affordability by driving up development costs.

Summary & Next Steps

- ▶ Staff seeking Council endorsement of draft objectives and actions
- ▶ Should Council direct staff to explore and report back:
 - ▶ Staff will present a finalized **Housing Action Plan** in 2025
 - Additional engagement with local voices
 - Present a set of indicators to measure success of actions



Questions?

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