

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Building Podiums

THAT Council directs staff to review and report to Council on current building podium policies, guidelines and requirements as outlined in the 2040 Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw No. 12375.

BACKGROUND:

Mayor Dyas indicated their intent to bring forward a resolution to review building podium design guidelines and requirements for high-rise residential and mixed use development best practices on December 9, 2024.

MAYOR DYAS COMMENTS:

Given the rapid growth and urbanization of Kelowna, it is essential to periodically review and update our building requirements to ensure they align with best practices in urban design and sustainability. A review of the current podium building requirements will help to:

1. Assess the effectiveness of existing regulations in achieving the city's design goals.
2. Identify any challenges or limitations faced by developers and architects in complying with these requirements.
3. Explore opportunities to enhance the aesthetic and functional quality of buildings with podiums.
4. Ensure that the regulations support the city's broader objectives of creating vibrant, livable, and sustainable urban spaces.

A review of the building podium requirements will ensure that Kelowna continues to develop in a way that is both aesthetically pleasing and functionally effective, contributing to the overall quality of life for our residents.

Date: January 27, 2025