

# Report to Council



**Date:** December 12, 2016  
**File:** 1200-40  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Michelle Kam, Sustainability Coordinator  
**Subject:** Community for All Action Plan

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## **Recommendation:**

That Council receives, for information, the report from the Sustainability Coordinator dated December 12, 2016, with respect to the Community for All Action Plan;

AND THAT Council approves the Community for All Action Plan as attached to the report of the Sustainability Coordinator, dated December 12, 2016.

## **Purpose:**

To have Council endorse the Community for All Action Plan including the 31 actions identified within the Plan.

## **Background:**

The Community for All Action Plan is the first project under the Healthy City Strategy, a long-term, integrative plan that the City is building in partnership with Interior Health. The Healthy City Strategy focuses on healthy places and spaces, community health and quality of life for all Kelowna residents. Under this umbrella, the vision for Community for All is “to create a city that is healthy, safe, active and inclusive for seniors, children and those with diverse abilities.”

The City provided numerous opportunities throughout the project to engage the public and stakeholders to gather their feedback. The initial community consultation primarily involved in-person and on-line engagement which included a public survey, four community conversation events, and a stakeholder workshop to gather input regarding successes, gaps and barriers. More than 500 community members were engaged and several key findings emerged including the desire for respondents to remain in their neighbourhood as they grow older and the importance of walking routes and parks to increase their physical activity.

The Community for All Action Plan was then drafted using public engagement feedback as well as a variety of inputs including health-related research; best practices; building on current policies, programs and services; community successes; local knowledge; Council priorities and partnerships.

Final consultation ensured the recommended actions met the community’s desires and identified the actions that will have the most positive impact. The final consultation consisted of three public engagement events including a community conversation with seniors, parents and those with diverse abilities, a stakeholder workshop and a public open house.

The Community for All Action Plan identifies areas to adapt policies, plans and programs to respond to the evolving needs of our community as actions for healthier seniors will provide co-benefits to children and residents with diverse abilities, enabling them to be active and engaged within our community.

The overarching goal of the Community for All Action Plan is to reduce chronic diseases and social isolation through increasing health, physical activity, social connections, accessibility and equity. To achieve this goal, each theme area within the plan has a specific goal that is linked to the 31 actions within the Plan.

<u>Theme Area</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Inclusive Community	Increase opportunities for social connections, physical activity and intergenerational opportunities
Healthy Neighbourhood Design & Healthy Natural Environments	Enhance City parks and buildings to ensure they are age and ability friendly
Healthy Housing	Enhance housing policies to increase the diversity and affordability of housing
Healthy Transportation Networks	Prioritize active transportation and encourage mobility for all residents
Healthy Food Systems	Promote healthy eating through education, providing social opportunities and through connecting local farmers and residents

The Community for All Action Plan recommends 31 actions to be either explored or implemented in the next two years. The City will lead 21 of these actions; some of the actions reinforce those identified in existing plans, some enhance services already underway and some are new actions. Key community stakeholders will lead the remaining 10 actions.

The next steps for the Community for All Action Plan includes implementing the plan, monitoring and reporting and fostering an all ages and abilities culture.

The next steps for the Healthy City Strategy includes tackling Healthy Housing as the next theme area (2017), developing indicators and reporting tools, and expanding the partnership to other key community organizations.

**Internal Circulation:**

Community Planning & Real Estate Divisional Director  
Active Living & Culture Divisional Director  
Integrated Transportation Department Manager  
Infrastructure Delivery Department Manager  
Communications Advisor  
Community Policing Coordinator  
Parks & Buildings Planning Manager  
Parking Services Manager  
Community & Neighbourhood Services Manager  
Sport & Event Services Manager  
Roadways Operations Supervisor  
Community Planning Department Manager

**Existing Policy:**

Official Community Plan

- Objective 5.23 Address the needs of families with children through the provision of appropriate family oriented housing
- Policy 7.16.2 Park Accessibility. Design parks to meet the needs of a variety of user groups, including families, youth, and seniors. Where appropriate, parks will be designed to meet universal access standards for outdoor spaces.

**Financial/Budgetary Considerations:**

The City received a UBCM grant of \$20,000 from the Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grants. The grant was contingent on two components: direct engagement and work being completed in 2016, both of which have been met.

Some of the 31 actions are contingent on funding and/or budget, as referenced in Appendix D in the Community for All Action Plan. For the City led actions that require additional funding, budget requests have or will be submitted as part of the annual budget process.

**External Agency/Public Comments:**

**Communications Comments:**

A dedicated website has been developed [kelowna.ca/planningprojects](http://kelowna.ca/planningprojects)  
The project was communicated through direct in-person engagement and online social media.

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

**Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:**

**Personnel Implications:**

**Alternate Recommendation:**

Submitted by:

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Approved for inclusion: Doug Gilchrist



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Healthy City Strategy Steering Committee  
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Attachments:

- Community for All Action Plan
- Letters of Support:
  - Interior Health
  - Pathways Abilities Society
  - People in Motion
  - School District #23
  - Seniors Outreach Services Society