

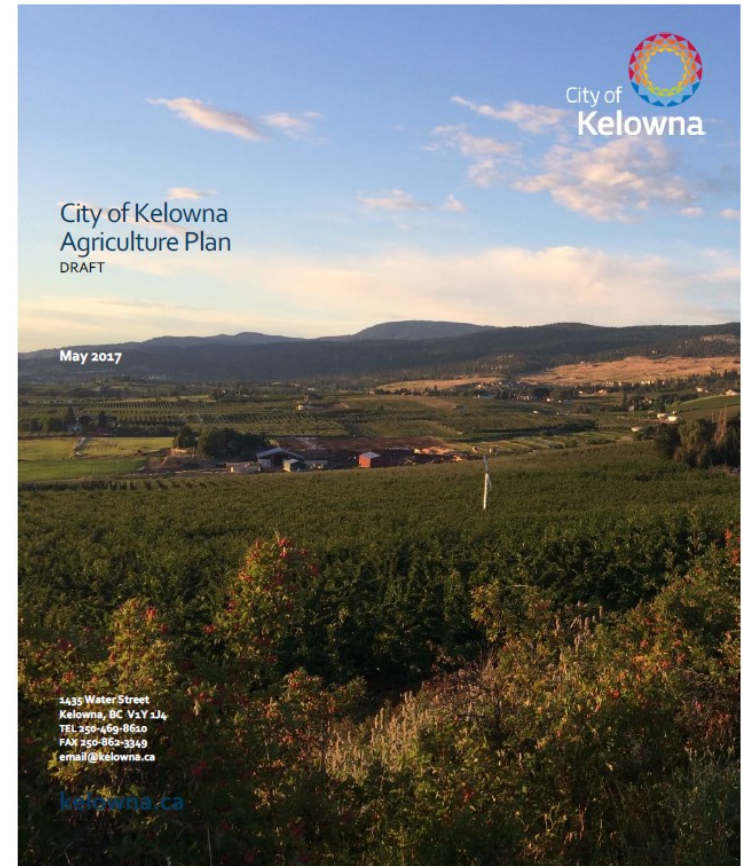


Draft Agriculture Plan

June, 2017

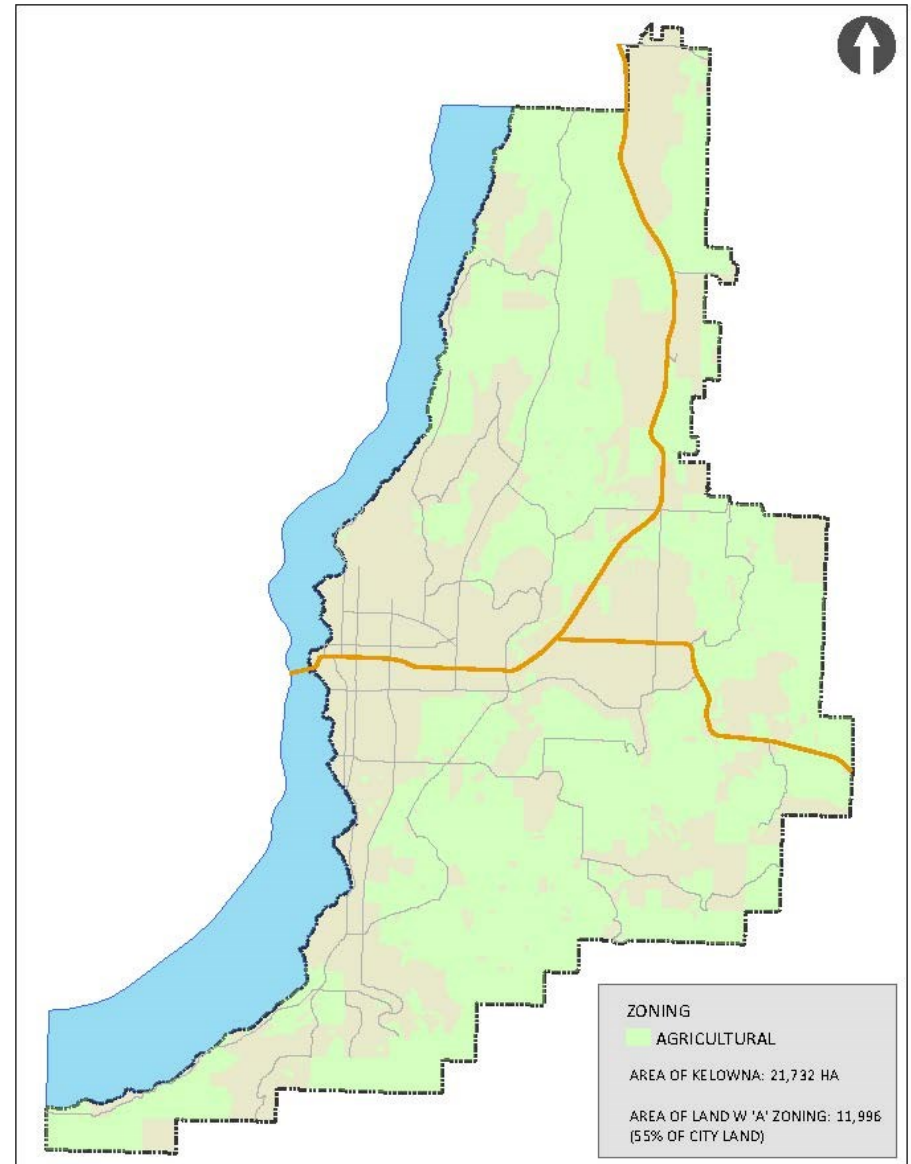
Agenda

- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Project overview
 - ▶ Context and background
 - ▶ Engagement review
- ▶ Vision statement
- ▶ Key themes and recommended actions
- ▶ Implementation Strategy
- ▶ Discussion



Context

- ▶ 11,996 hectares with Agriculture Zoning (~55% of land base)
- ▶ 8,621 hectares in ALR (~40% of land base)



Project goals

- ▶ Develop clear prescriptive policies;
- ▶ Build resilience against rising food costs and climate change;
- ▶ Increase the amount of, and access to, locally grown food;
- ▶ Identify opportunities to strengthen farming and develop agriculture as an economic driver; and
- ▶ Promote and celebrate agricultural character of Kelowna



Value of an updated Agriculture Plan

- ▶ Tool to review development applications;
- ▶ Inform the 2040 OCP update;
- ▶ Influence the 20 year Servicing Plan;
- ▶ Direct updates for OCP, Farm DP Guidelines, Zoning Bylaw and other policies; and
- ▶ Encourage collaborative partnerships across the community.





*We are here

Engagement

- ▶ Six AAC Meetings
- ▶ Round 1 Engagement
Spring 2016
 - ▶ Online Survey (563 completed responses)
 - ▶ Stakeholder Session
 - ▶ 2 Open Houses
 - ▶ Agriculture Industry Group session
 - ▶ Discussions with Young Agrarians and Central Okanagan Food Policy Council



Engagement

- ▶ Round 2 Engagement
Fall 2016
 - ▶ Meetings with YLW, SEKID, OBWB, BC Agriculture and Food Climate Action Initiative, Tourism Kelowna
 - ▶ Small to medium sized farmer conversation
 - ▶ Agriculture Industry Group session
 - ▶ Stakeholder session
 - ▶ Meeting with Tourism Kelowna



Vision statement

Kelowna is a resilient, diverse and innovative agricultural community that celebrates farming and values farmland as integral to our healthy food system, economy and culture.



Key theme overview

1. Strengthening local policies and regulations to protect agriculture.
2. Stewarding natural resources and the environment for food production.
3. Improving awareness of local agriculture and access to local food.
4. Fostering and sustaining farm business and farmland.



Developing Actions

- ▶ 51 actions and 9 supporting actions
- ▶ Based on
 - ▶ Input from engagement
 - ▶ Best practices – White Papers
 - ▶ Local food retail opportunities
 - ▶ Edge planning
 - ▶ Non-farm uses on ALR
 - ▶ Farm Community Identity
 - ▶ Ministry guidelines



Theme 1 | Strengthening policies to protect agriculture.

- ▶ Objective:
 - ▶ Preserve and strengthen farmland
 - ▶ limit non-agricultural development
 - ▶ minimize conflicts
 - ▶ proactively use farmland for agriculture.
- ▶ 33 actions that include updates
 - ▶ OCP;
 - ▶ Farm DP Guidelines; and
 - ▶ Zoning Bylaw.



Theme 1

Sample Actions

- ▶ OCP updates to:
 - ▶ Restrict density, sewer, and non farm uses in agricultural areas
 - ▶ Explore new *Transition to Agriculture* land use designation
- ▶ Farm DP Guideline updates to:
 - ▶ Include policy on residential footprints and covenants



Theme 1

Sample Actions



- ▶ Zoning Bylaw updates to:
 - ▶ Investigate maximum home floor area
 - ▶ Revise buffer policy
 - ▶ Remove carriage house as a permitted use
 - ▶ Increase minimum lot size
 - ▶ Investigate maximum floor areas, parking limitations and local food retail opportunities
- ▶ Other policy updates
 - ▶ Maintain and expand enforcement strategy
 - ▶ Explore opportunities to better match tax rates with farmland production
 - ▶ Update *Soil and Deposit Removal Bylaw*

Theme 2

Stewarding natural resources for food production.

- ▶ Objective:
 - ▶ Integrate the agricultural sector's needs into environmental initiatives to address water, climate and vegetative buffer concerns.
- ▶ 9 actions



Theme 2

Sample Actions

- ▶ Evaluate and monitor City of Kelowna Agriculture water pricing
- ▶ Include agriculture in climate plans
- ▶ Implement *Clean Air Strategy* to reduce smoke from burning
- ▶ Enforce *Noxious Insect and Weed Bylaws*
- ▶ Investigate options for buffers on urban side of PGB



Theme 3 | Improving awareness and access to local food.

- ▶ Objective:
 - ▶ Increase access to local food products
 - ▶ Raise understanding of agriculture.
- ▶ 8 actions



Theme 3

Sample Actions

- ▶ Raise level of understanding using strategies outlined in Farm Community Identity White Paper
- ▶ Develop a Healthy Food Strategy
- ▶ Evaluate an agricultural signage program
- ▶ Communicate land use policies with real estate and community groups



Theme 4

Fostering farm business

- ▶ Objective:
 - ▶ Investigate alternative ownership for farmland.
- ▶ 1 action:
 - ▶ Investigate alternative ownership models to increase production levels on farmland. Examples include:
 - ▶ Allotments
 - ▶ Incubator farms
 - ▶ Farmland trust
 - ▶ Co-operative farming models



Additional Supporting Actions

- ▶ Objective:
 - ▶ Support implementation where the City does not have jurisdiction or capacity.
- ▶ 9 actions including:
 - ▶ Encourage province to re-establish agricultural liaison services
 - ▶ Encourage land linking and mentorship programs for farmers
 - ▶ Support OKSIR and COEDC



Implementation Strategy

- ▶ Each action has been assessed for:
 - ▶ Priority
 - ▶ Timeline
 - ▶ Resources
- ▶ Implementation outlined for
 - ▶ Ongoing
 - ▶ Phase 1 (2018-2019)
 - ▶ Phase 2 (2020 – 2022)
 - ▶ Phase 3 (2023-2027)
 - ▶ Supporting actions (no timeline provided)



Resourcing Implementation

- ▶ Actions with existing staff resources
 - ▶ Any additional budget requests as part of annual budget cycle
- ▶ Actions with additional staff resources
 - ▶ 1.0 FTE Planning Staff
 - ▶ 0.5 FTE Bylaw Officer



Phase 1: 2018 – 2019 Existing Staff

- ▶ Amend OCP to restrict density, sewer and non farm uses
- ▶ Amend Farm DP Guidelines to address residential footprints, public services, and covenants
- ▶ Update Development Application Procedures Bylaw to request Agricultural Impact Assessment



Agriculture Plans across BC



Feature	Kelowna 2017	Saanich 2017	North OK 2015	Lillooet 2014	Abbotsford 2011
Farm Bylaw Community	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Mapping updates	Extensive	None	None	None	Minimal
Research (White papers)	Yes	No	No	No	No
Action focus	Local Govt.	Local Govt.	Community	Community	Local Govt. & Community
Implement ation Lead	City	District	Undecided	Non-profit society	AAC
Funding identified	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

Next steps

- ▶ Round 3 Engagement (June 2016)
 - ▶ Referral to Ministry of Agriculture and ALC
 - ▶ AAC meeting
 - ▶ Small to medium sized farmer conversation
 - ▶ Agriculture Industry group session
 - ▶ Stakeholder session
 - ▶ Open House
 - ▶ Online
- ▶ Report back to Council for endorsement in early July.



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