

Temporary Farm Worker Housing

June 19, 2017



Purpose

- Provide clear policy and process direction for Temporary Farm Worker Housing
- Respond to the changing needs of the industry
- Consistent with provincial bylaw standards



Council Priorities and Commitments



- Preserve agricultural land
- Fair but firm
- Responsive customer service
- ► Planning excellence



Opportunities for Input



TIMELINE	INPUT OPPORTUNITY	
Throughout Process	Regional TFWH Working Group	
Oct. 13, 2016	1 st Application Referral	
Oct. 13, 2016	1 st AAC Meeting	
Oct. 31, 2016	1 st Council Meeting	
Feb. 9, 2017	2 nd AAC Meeting	
Feb. 10, 2017	2 nd Application Referral	
Mar. 6, 2017	2 nd Council Meeting	
Mar. 15, 2017	3 rd Application Referral	
Mar. 17 and 24, 2017	Courier ads inviting comments	
April 21, 2017	Courier ads about Public Hearing	
May 2	Public Hearing	

Who we heard from



- Agriculture Advisory Committee
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Agriculture Land Commission
- ▶ Ministry of Transportation
- ▶ Interior Health
- ▶ BC Fruit Growers Association
- ▶ Orchardists

- Central Okanagan Food Policy Council
- ► Residents
- Consulate General of Mexico
- ▶ Jamaican Liaison Services
- Seasonal AgricultureWorker Program Inspector
- Radical Action with Migrants in Agriculture



Since First Reading

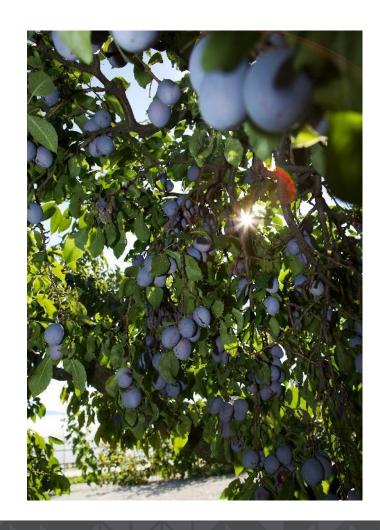
- ▶ BC Fruit Growers:
 - > 3 in person meetings
 - ▶ 3 emails
- ► Ministry of Agriculture:
 - ▶ 5 phone meetings
 - > 3 emails
- Other input (written and verbal) as part of Public Hearing process





Objectives

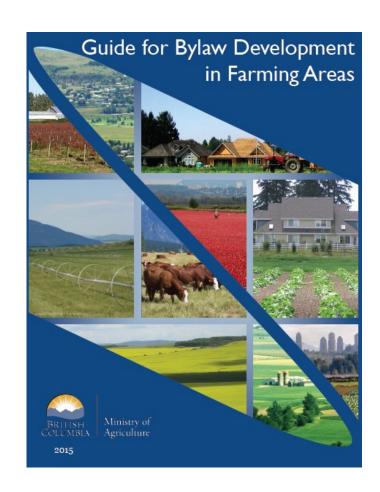
- ► Reduce the footprint on farm
- Use existing dwellings as first option
- New TFWH on non-permanent foundations
- Addresses buffers to adjacent properties
- ► Minimize the risk of TFWH being used for non-farm purposes





The Policy

- ▶ Consistent with Guide to Bylaw Development in Farming Areas
- ▶ Policy changes to:
 - **OCP**
 - ► Farm Protection DP Guidelines
 - Zoning Bylaw
 - Development Application Procedures Bylaw



OCP changes since First Reading



Initial Policy	Revised Policy





	Initial Policy	Revised Policy
1.	On-farm processing means the undertaking of processes including	Added "grading and packing"
2.	Minimum parcel size is 3.8ha	Minimum farm unit size is 3.8 ha
3.	Building will be occupied no longer than 8 months	Building will be occupied no longer than 10 months



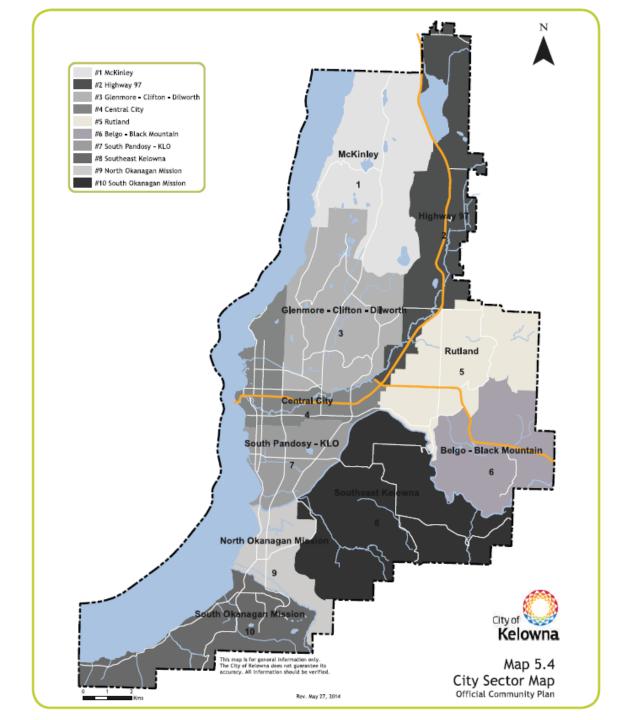


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4.	Structure(s) to accommodate a maximum of 40 TFW per farm unit	 Structures to accommodate: 40 TFW per each sector for parcels up to 8 ha 60 TFW per each sector for parcels over 8 ha
5.	TFWH footprint may not exceed 0.20 ha	May not exceed o.20 ha for structures to accommodate up to 40 TFW, and not exceed o.30 ha for structures to accommodate 60 TFW





	Initial Policy	Revised Policy
6.	Restrictive covenant registered on all other parcels of the farm unit restricting further TFWH.	Restrictive covenant registered on all other parcels within the same sector restricting further TFWH.



Development Application Procedures Bylaw changes since First Reading



	Initial Policy	Revised Policy
1.	Temporary Farm Working Housing Permit Minor Direct	Added "for accommodation of an employee to work for no greater than 10 months per calendar year"
2.	Temporary Farm Working Housing Permit Majorfor less than 8 months per calendar year.	Changed to "for no greater than 10 months per calendar year"



Addressing Industry Concerns

	Concern	How it was addressed	
1.	'Contiguous' in the farm unit definition	Definition remains intact but now allow TFW in all sectors	
2.	Public Hearing Threshold	 40 for parcels less than 8 ha 60 for parcels 8 ha or more TFWH allowed in multiple sectors 	
3.	8 month occupation	Revised to 10 month occupation	
4.	Location of TFWH	Added located to "maximize agricultural potential and limit negative impacts"	



Questions?



Other Municipal Examples

Local Gov't	Min. Farm Unit	Min. Lot Size	Max. workers per operation	Occupancy time limits	Farm Community (Section 553)
Kelowna	3.8 ha	3.8 ha	40	8 months specified on declaration	Yes
Delta	8 ha	4 ha	42 max	Specified on declaration	Yes
Langley	4 ha	4 ha	10 persons / 4 ha, 40 workers max	April 1 – Nov. 30	Yes
Abbotsford	3.8 ha (A1) 8 ha (A2)	3.8 ha	Not specified	Specified on declaration	Yes
Pitt Meadows	2 ha	2 ha	10 persons / 4 ha, 40 workers max	April 1 – Nov. 30	No
Richmond	8.09 ha	8.09 ha	30 max	10 months in any 12 month period	No

Application streams



Additional Dwellings on Farmland

TFWH

Major Permit

Minor

Permit

(8 or less)

(staff

approved)

(more than 8) (Council approved) Site specific zoning amendment

(more than 40/60) (Council approved) Full Time Farm Worker Housing

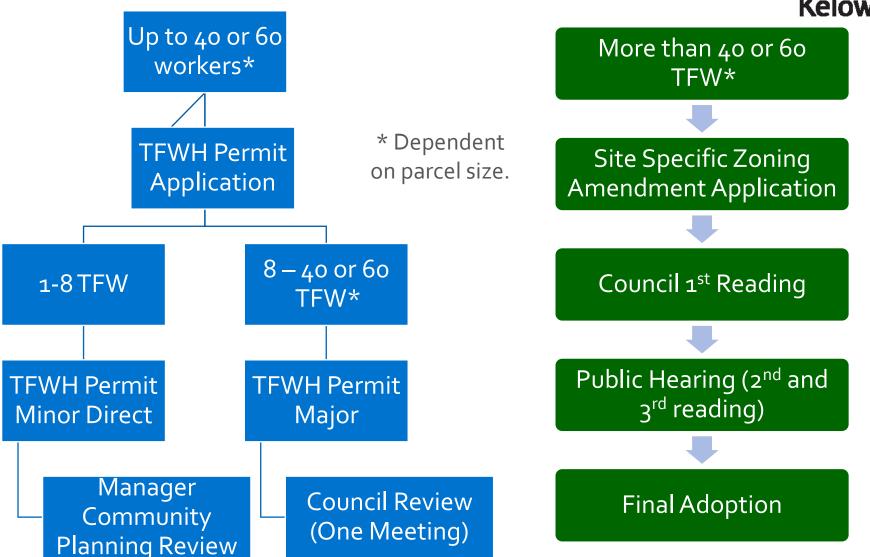
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Application)

Mobile Home for Family

Farm Protection DP

The Process





Comparative Process – Rural and Urban



Rural Zoning TFWH >40/60

Zone Amendment Application

Farm Protection
Development
Permit

Urban Zoning
Multiple Unit Residential >40/60

OCP Amendment Application

Zone Amendment Application

Form and Character
Development
Permit

Variances (Typical in the urban core)