

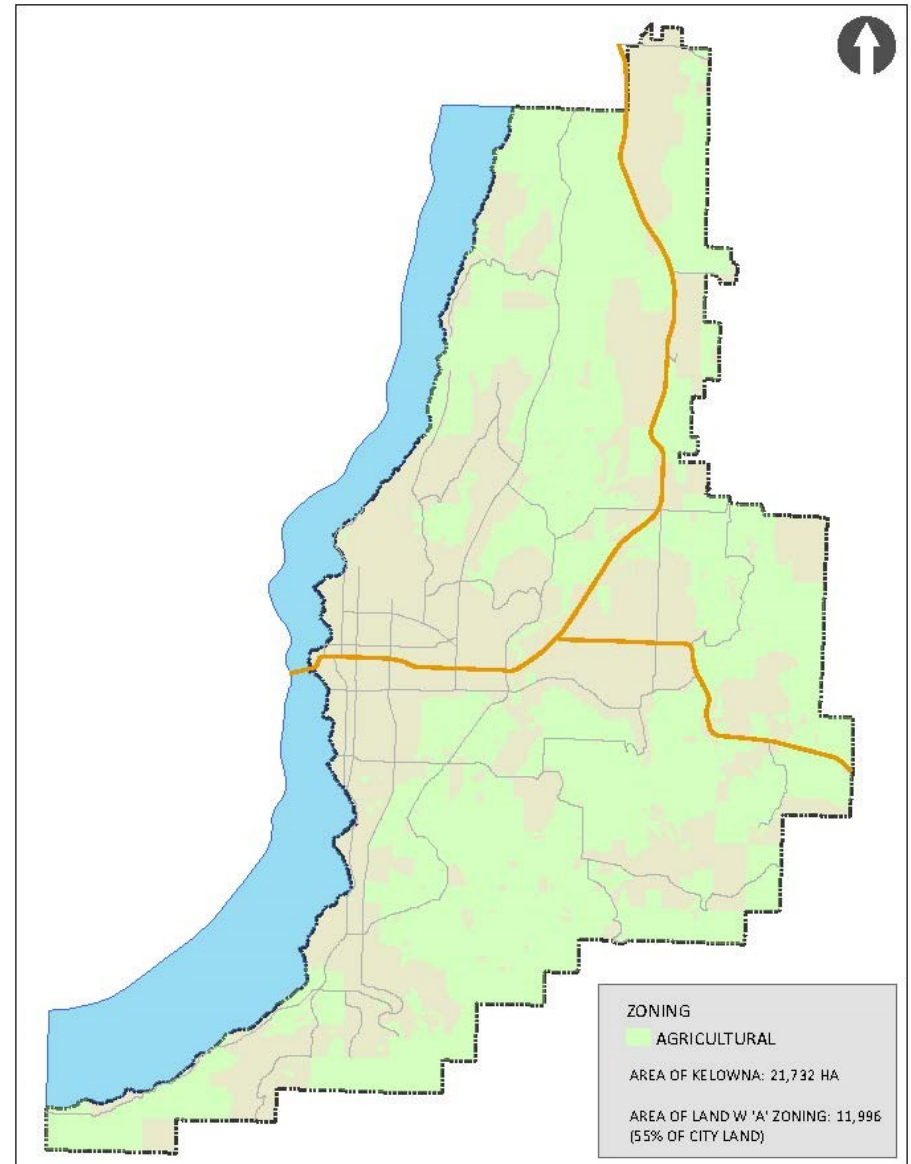


Agriculture Plan Endorsement

August, 2017

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

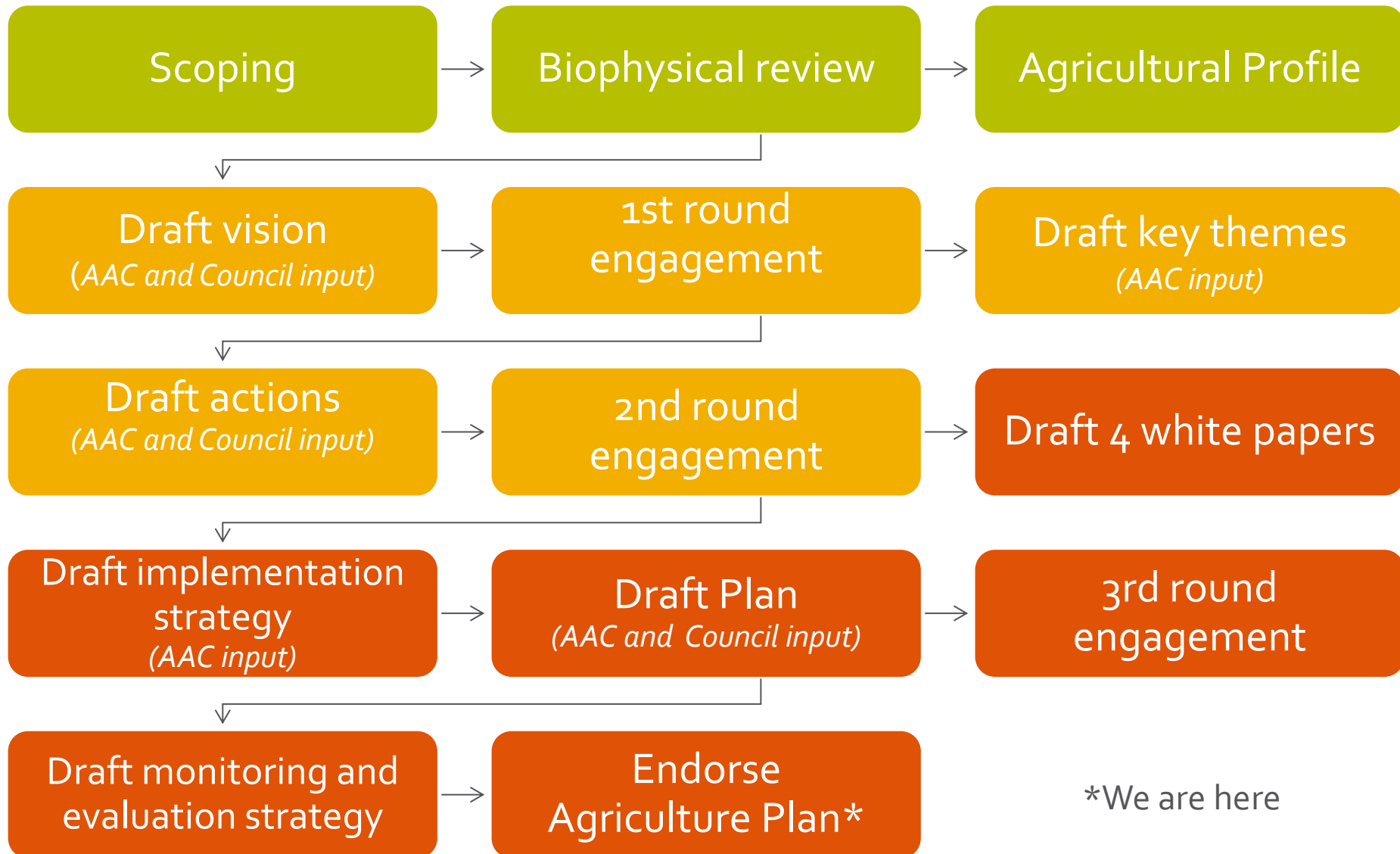


Value of an updated Agriculture Plan

- ▶ 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.



Plan Process





Agriculture Plan Engagement



In June and November 2016 and again in July 2017, we gathered input from stakeholders, industry and the general public on the challenges and opportunities for agriculture in the community.



of survey respondents agree or strongly agree with the vision statement for the Agriculture Plan update:

73%

"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."

Final Engagement

- ▶ Ministry and ALC circulation
- ▶ Stakeholder session
- ▶ Open house
- ▶ 74 exit surveys
- ▶ Letters of support
 - ▶ ALC
 - ▶ BCFGA
 - ▶ Food Policy Council



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.



Framework for the 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
- ▶ 52 actions and 10 supporting actions



4 final themes

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.



Theme 1 | Strengthening policies to protect agriculture.

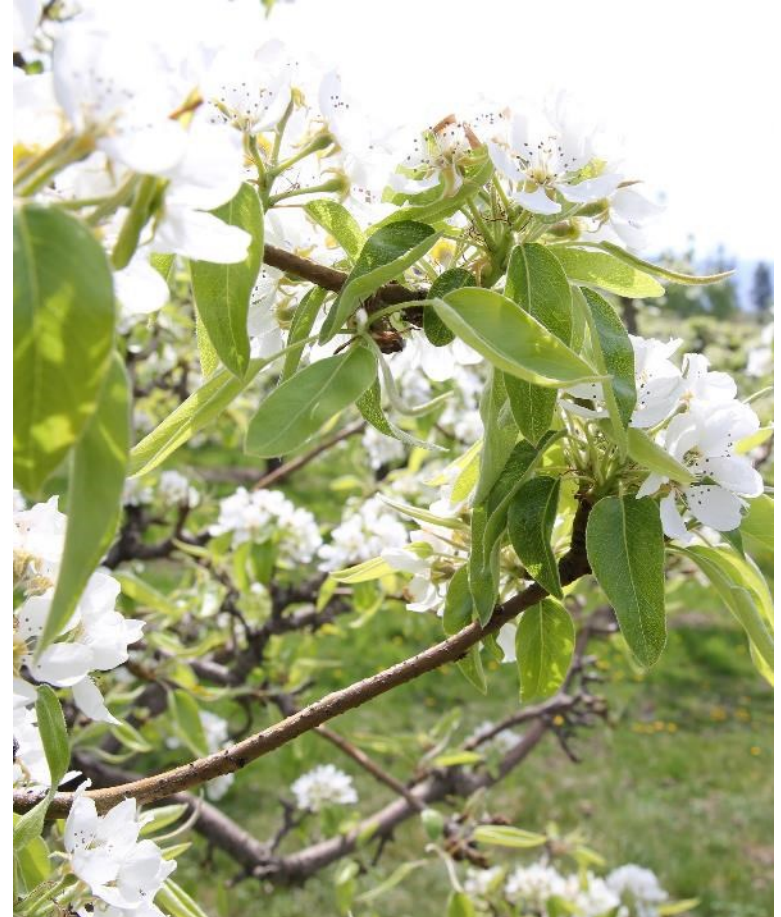
- ▶ Objective:
 - ▶ Preserve and strengthen farmland
 - ▶ limit non-agricultural development
 - ▶ minimize conflicts
 - ▶ proactively use farmland for agriculture.
- ▶ 34 actions that include updates
 - ▶ OCP;
 - ▶ Farm DP Guidelines; and
 - ▶ Zoning Bylaw.



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 3 | Improving awareness and access to local food.

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



Theme 4

Fostering farm business

- ▶ Objective:
 - ▶ Investigate alternative ownership for farmland.
- ▶ 1 action:
 - ▶ Investigate alternative ownership models to increase production levels on farmland.



Additional Supporting Actions

- ▶ Objective:
 - ▶ Support implementation where the City does not have jurisdiction or capacity.
- ▶ 10 actions including:
 - ▶ Encourage province to re-establish agricultural liaison services
 - ▶ Encourage land linking and mentorship programs for farmers
 - ▶ Support OKSIR and COEDC
 - ▶ Work with organizations on pollinator protection initiatives



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)

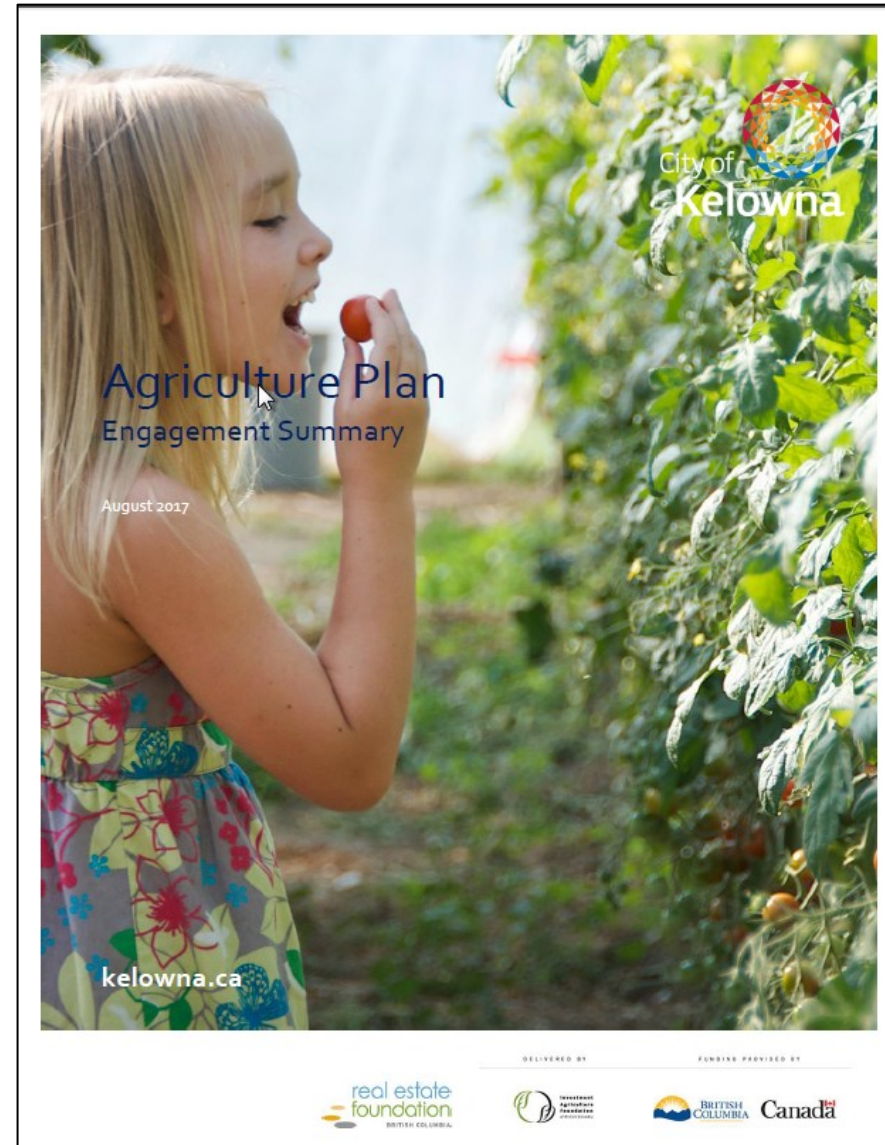
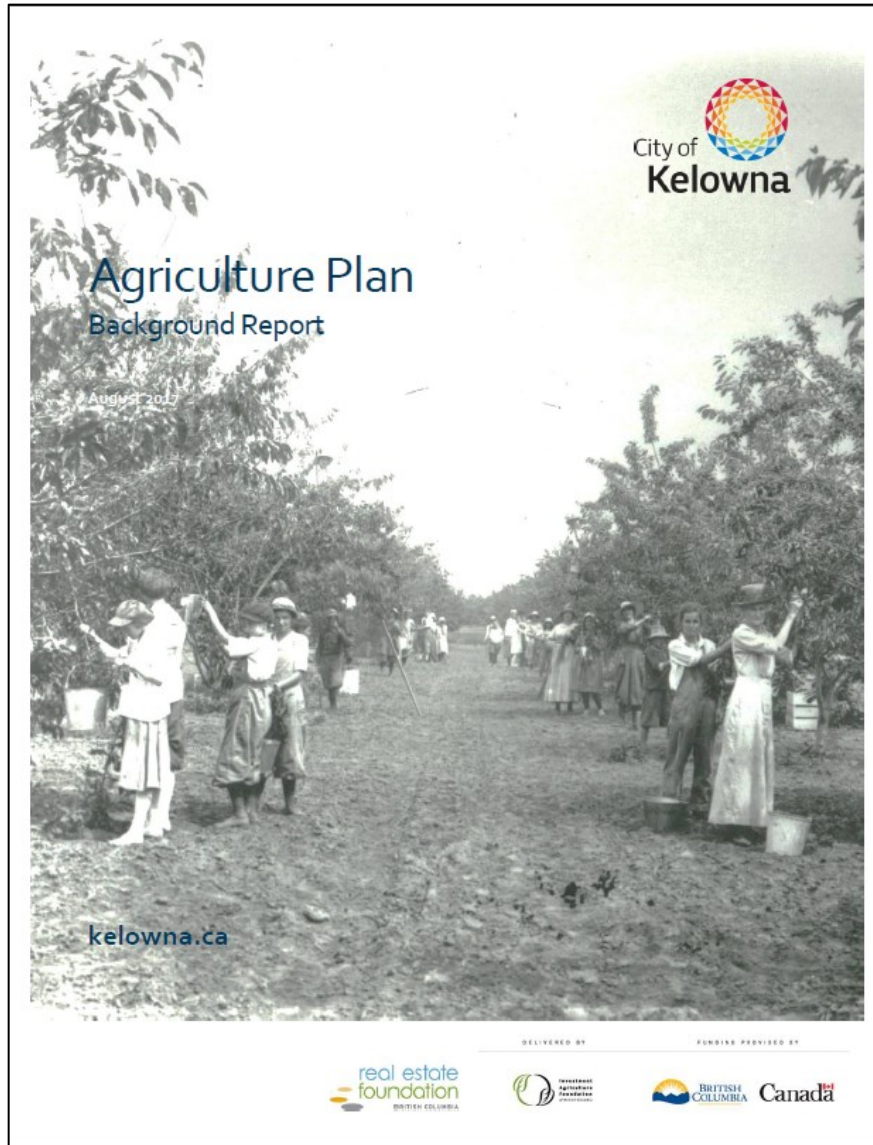


Resourcing Implementation

- ▶ 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



Companion documents



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	Yes	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

Phase 1: 2018 – 2019

Existing Staff

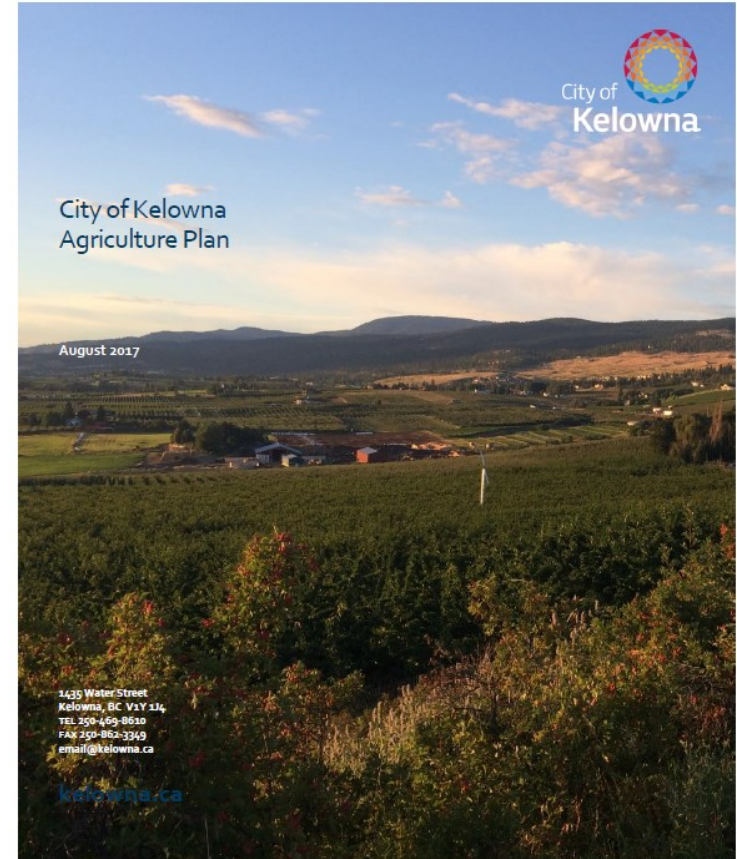
- ▶ Amend OCP to restrict density, sewer and non farm uses
- ▶ Amend Farm DP Guidelines to address residential footprints, public services, and covenants
- ▶ Update Development Application Procedures Bylaw to request Agricultural Impact Assessment



Looking Ahead



- ▶ Inform future plan updates
 - ▶ Official Community Plan
 - ▶ 20 year Servicing Plan
- ▶ Helps achieve goals of
 - ▶ Council's priority of "preserve agricultural land"
 - ▶ Healthy City Strategy
 - ▶ Climate Action Plan
 - ▶ Growth of agricultural economy



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Questions?



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

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

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

