

## 25.0 Implementation and Monitoring

### Goals

Undertake the planning, policy and bylaw changes supportive of the growth strategy and land use plan.

Ensure that the policy direction of the Official Community Plan is realized through monitoring and annual reporting.

Ensure that any future OCP amendments reflect the Guiding Principles, as identified by the community and subsequently adopted by Council.

### Guiding Principles Met

Foster prosperity for people, business and government  
Protect and preserve green spaces and sensitive areas  
Ensure housing meets the needs of the whole community  
Create a culture of sustainability  
Protect agricultural land  
Create strong, compact and complete neighbourhoods  
Provide alternative transportation  
Revitalize the Downtown  
Create a youth friendly city

### Context

#### Implementation

When the Official Community Plan 2008 was adopted, its growth strategy outlined a shift in the direction of planning and development in the community. Many initiatives were identified throughout the text which were undertaken when resources were available. However, in order to fully realize the vision and goals set out in that document, several immediate changes to planning, policies and bylaws were identified. Many of these changes have since been made and include:

- Revise Development Cost Charges Bylaw to reflect both size and location of new development
- Update the capital expenditure program to identify funding for infrastructure delivery consistent with the growth strategy. Allocate funding in the annual budget for projects consistent with the policies of the OCP

- Undertake a neighbourhood planning process for the City Centre District and the Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre
- Prepare hillside appropriate residential zoning districts to work in conjunction with the Hillside Guidelines
- Update Zoning Bylaw #5000 to reflect the OCP policies
- Assess the desirability and feasibility of hiring a Transportation Demand Management Coordinator
- Prepare a Regional Context Statement once the Regional Growth Strategy is adopted

Moving forward, the following changes should be undertaken:

- Develop and implement an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan that provides a foundation for updating City plans and policies in alignment with other community initiatives, interests and priorities.
- Develop and implement a City of Vernon Parks Master Plan that provides guidance for planning for local parks and trails in the city.
- Develop a Development Cost Charges Bylaw to include Development Cost Charges for parks under the jurisdiction of the City of Vernon.
- Implement the Development Scorecard to evaluate development applications.
- Undertake a neighbourhood planning process for the Okanagan Landing Neighbourhood Centre.
- Participate in the development of an Agricultural Area Plan and agricultural economic development plan for the Greater Vernon area in cooperation with the District of Coldstream, the Regional District of the North Okanagan and other regional partners. Once completed, consider preparing a Farm Bylaw for the city.
- Amend the City's boundary extension policy to reflect the direction embodied in the OCP and the Regional Growth Strategy.
- Through the Sustainable Infrastructure Investment Plan (SIIP), update the capital expenditure program to identify funding for infrastructure delivery consistent with the growth strategy.
- Continue to allocate funding in the annual budget for projects consistent with the policies of the OCP.
- Continue to update Zoning Bylaw #5000 to reflect OCP policies.

## Monitoring

The Official Community Plan is a 25 year vision and associated strategy. Successful implementation of the growth strategy is dependent upon consistent application of the policies with due consideration of the goals of the plan.

One method by which to monitor the successful implementation of the plan and its policies is by tracking and annually reporting on key development statistics. Indicators are required to ensure that progress is being made in achieving the overall vision of the community. The following indicators are proposed as a starting

point for analysis. The indicators may be adjusted over time to ensure that the tracking and reporting process is sufficient to determine the success of the growth strategy and supporting policies.

### **Housing**

- Development by location (development district, neighbourhood centres)
- Type (single family, townhouse, apartment, rental, special needs, for example)
- Cost (average value by type)
- Size (average size of dwelling by type)

### **Economic Development**

- Unemployment rate
- Workforce growth
- Commercial, industrial and institutional permit values

### **Environment**

- As identified in the Environmental Management Areas Strategy

### **Agriculture**

- Agricultural Land Reserve lands (acres excluded, acres included)
- Home site severances and subdivisions

### **Food Access**

- Number of community gardens and plots
- Number of opportunities for local food access

### **Heritage**

- Number of properties on the register
- Number of grants applied for and awarded
- Number of plaques installed annually

### **Resource Consumption**

- Community water, electricity and natural gas consumption per capita

### **Energy**

- Number of new on-site energy generation (i.e. geothermal / beetle kill wood pellet)
- Carbon emissions by local government operations

### **Youth**

- Opportunities provided for youth consultation/engagement

## Transportation

- Transit trips/service hours per capita; number of buses
- Number of cars per capita; mode split; parking stalls per capita
- Kilometres of sidewalks, cycle routes and trails constructed each year

## Infrastructure

- Kilometres of upgrades to sewer, storm, roadways
- Kilometres of new sewer, storm and roadways

For those issues which are the shared responsibility of North Okanagan governments and communities, or other agencies or levels of government, including such issues as air quality, transportation, parks, recycling, solid waste management, economic development and the broader protection of agricultural opportunities, it is recommended that indicators and annual reporting be identified and monitored by the appropriate agency as an indication of our overall progress.

## Amendments

Changes to the OCP may be required in response to significant changes in trends or shifting community priorities. Where such changes are consistent with the community vision and Guiding Principles, Council may approve an amendment to the OCP. Where the changes are substantial or are inconsistent with the community vision and Guiding Principles, Council will consider a comprehensive review and update of the Official Community Plan. The Guiding Principles will thus be utilized as a checklist by which to evaluate applications for OCP amendments.

A comprehensive review and update of the Official Community Plan will be initiated every five years. Community participation and consultation will be sought during the update process.

## Supporting Policies

- 25.1 Plans, policies and bylaws will be updated and amended as required to pursue implementation and realization of the growth strategy.
- 25.2 Comprehensive indicators will be developed and utilized for annual reporting related to the goals, policies and objectives of the growth strategy. These indicators may be modified or updated, as required, to ensure that the implementation of the plan is being adequately monitored. In addition, the City will partner with other organizations, such as the Regional District of North Okanagan, Interior Health Authority and appropriate Ministries of the Government of British Columbia, to assist in accurate monitoring, modifying and updating of the indicators.

- 25.3 Applications for amendments to the Official Community Plan shall be first evaluated using the Guiding Principles, identified in Section 1.0, Planning Context, to determine whether the proposed amendment meets the overall goals and objectives of the community.
- 25.4 The Guiding Principles are to be utilized as standard criteria in reports prepared for Council's consideration.