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## CITY OF KELOWNA

# MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** August 16, 2005  
**File No.:** 5480-08

**To:** City Manager

**From:** Transportation Demand Supervisor

**Subject:** Downtown Parking Lot Landscape Plan

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT City Council adopt the Downtown Parking Lot Landscape Plan as the standard for parking lot re-development as presented.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Downtown Kelowna has played a major role in the evolution of the community. From the original town site established on the waterfront at the foot of Bernard Avenue, the downtown has grown into a dynamic centre serving the commercial, social, cultural and institutional needs of the surrounding region.

The City owns and manages several parking lots in the downtown area of which detailed lot landscape plans have been developed to incorporate elements of greenery, plantings, lot lighting, pedestrian facilities, plazas, signage, etc. which will enhance the aesthetics of existing lots which are primarily functional in design today.

The primary benefit of the Downtown Parking Lot Landscape Plan is the identification of physical improvements aimed at:

- Enhancing the enjoyment and aesthetic appeal of the Downtown as an urban environment that provides an automobile and pedestrian friendly experience,
- Thematically unifying the subject area and creating a sense of identity,
- Incorporating signage design elements, special landscape and lighting features, etc that enhance the City's parking lots as part of the urban environment,
- Improving the integration between pedestrian and automobile facilities
- Incorporating Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) elements,
- Integration with existing heritage character or other neighbourhood thematic elements where possible.
- Consideration for access by individuals with physical limitations.

An RFP for this project was issued in March 2005 and the Kelowna Parking Committee endorsed the Downtown Parking Lot Landscape Plan in June 2005. The Urban Centre Implementation Committee has also received the plan.

Over the next several years a number of the downtown parking lots are slated for re-development due to deterioration, poor lighting and drainage issues. Adopting this plan will set a new re-development standard for the City of Kelowna and make better use of valuable City assets.

Given this information, Council's adoption of the Downtown Lot Landscaping Plan is respectfully requested.



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