

Kelowna Chamber – Municipal Affairs Update

Presentation to Council
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Municipal Affairs

Areas of Focus

- OCP
- CD Zone
- Transportation
- Crime and safety
- Economic downturn
- Downtown Plan
- Convention centre
- Homelessness
- Affordable housing
- Supportive housing
- Economic sustainability
- Health & wellness

Official Community Plan

- Meetings with UDI, City of Kelowna and EDC
- OCP Consultation Submissions:
 - September 2008 (Phase I – Policies)
 - March 2009 (Phase II – Land Use)
 - June 2009 (4 Land Use Scenarios)
 - July 2009 (Refined Land Use Scenario)

OCP: Phase II Issues

- Economic Sustainability
- Transportation
- Housing
- Managing Infrastructure Costs
- Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Permanent Growth Boundary

Transportation

- Okanagan Highway Corridor
- Central Okanagan By-Pass
- Kelowna International Airport
- Okanagan Smart Transit Plan
- Second Crossing of Lake Okanagan

Crime and Safety

- Chronic offenders
- Community court
- New correctional facility for Kelowna
- No Gang Colors policy
- Bar patron dispersion issue (monitoring)

Economic Downturn

- Roundtable on the Economy (Jan 9, 2009)
- Participant feedback at Municipal level:
 - Tax break for manufacturers
 - Municipal bonds – tax free investment
 - OK film industry infrastructure
 - Road improvement City-Enterprise Way
 - Buy local campaigns
 - Allow for creation of basement suite 100% of upstairs
 - No tax increases

Other Areas

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Conclusion

- Actively pursuing priority issues
- Working with key stakeholders to move issues ahead (UDI, City of Kelowna, EDC, Kelowna RCMP)