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Date: February 2, 2011
File: 1200-31
To: City Manager
From: Policy & Planning
Subject: 2030 Official Community Plan - 2011 Consultation Schedule
Report prepared by: Long Range Planning Manager

Recommendation:

THAT Council receive the information contained in the Policy and Planning Department report dated February 2, 2011 and direct staff to proceed with Official Community Plan (OCP) 2030 public consultation as per the schedule outlined in the report.

Purpose:

To have Council endorse the proposed OCP consultation schedule toward the completion of the 2030 OCP Review.

Background:

The draft OCP has been in process since early 2008 and there has been substantial public consultation to date that includes six (6) on-line surveys with over 3400 responses and five (5) open houses attended by almost 700 people. In addition, there has been specific consultation with the Urban Development Institute (UDI) and local consultants regarding the proposed Development Permit Guidelines as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission with respect to economic issues. Relevant Council committees have also been consulted for their input.

The public has expressed a strong desire for increased sustainability, including a focus on active transportation (biking / walking), limiting suburban growth outside the Permanent Growth Boundary and encouraging growth in the Urban Core.

The last open house was in November 2009 and since then the draft OCP policy text has, in response to public and stakeholder input, undergone re-writing and the land use plan has been refined. Following that, very detailed population, employment and building projections were prepared to assist with transportation modelling and other servicing models toward an updated 20 Year Servicing Plan.

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Over the past months a 20-year Servicing Plan and Financing Strategy has been developed to provide affordable, balanced and sustainable infrastructure to support anticipated growth. The draft Servicing Plan has been informed by contemporary research and modeling tools and meets or exceeds best practice for mid-sized cities. The Urban Development Institute has responded to correspondence regarding projected unit rates, as well as the proposed water distribution system, the waste water collection system, the wastewater treatment system and the parkland acquisition program. Recently UDI has been asked to review the proposed transportation network.

With the draft 20 Year Servicing Plan and Financing Strategy now complete, it would be appropriate to proceed to the final stages of OCP public and stakeholder consultation.

Existing Policy:

The proposed OCP consultation schedule is based on Council Policy 296 - Official Community Plan Consultation.

Community & Media Relations Considerations:

Staff recommend the consultation process include open house and on-line opportunities (including social media) to review and provide input on the OCP (Policy text, DP Guidelines and Future Land Use Map) and Servicing Plan (Roads / Active Transportation / Transit / Water / Sanitary Sewer Trunks / Sanitary Sewer Treatment / Parks).

Staff will also seek input from stakeholders and agencies, including Provincial Ministries, RDCO, District of Lake Country, First Nations, SD 23, Utility Agencies, and others such as the Economic Development Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Business Associations (DKA, URBA), Residents Associations, UDI, CHBA, UBCO, and Okanagan College.

The schedule of forthcoming OCP events leading toward a Public Hearing in late May / early June 2011 would be as follows:

Public Open Houses:

- Thursday, February 17th (Glenmore - St. David's Presbyterian Church)
- 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- Saturday, February 19th (Downtown - Laurel Packinghouse)
- 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 23rd (Pandosy - St. Paul's United Church)
- 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

OCP / 20 Year Servicing Plan documents and maps will be posted to the OCP website (www.kelowna2030.ca) as soon as possible on or after February 17, 2011 for public, stakeholder and agency review. Public, stakeholder and agency input will be received until March 18, 2011, at which time staff will consolidate comments and report back to Council toward achieving a Public Hearing date of late May / early June.

Internal Circulation:

General Manager of Community Sustainability
Director of Infrastructure Planning
Director of Community and Media Relations

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

The final phases of OCP consultation and adoption have been budgeted for as part of 2009 / 2010 budget carryovers.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Local Government Act Part 26: Division 2 - Official Community Plans, Sections 875 - 882.

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Local Government Act Section 882(3) specifies that after first reading (and prior to Public Hearing) of an Official Community Plan bylaw the local government must consider the plan in conjunction with its financial plan and any waste management plan applicable. In addition, the local government must refer the plan to the Agricultural Land Commission for comment.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Personnel Implications:

Alternate Recommendation:

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