

Report to Council



Date: June 8, 2011
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To: City Manager
From: Graham March, Planner Specialist
Subject: Official Community Plan Indicators

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives for information the report of the Planner Specialist, dated June 8, 2012 with respect to Official Community Plan indicators.

Purpose:

To assess progress on achieving the objectives of the Official Community Plan.

Background:

On May 30th, 2011, Council adopted the 2030 Official Community Plan.

According to community input into the Official Community Plan (OCP) 2010 - 2030, residents want a city where:

- Urban communities are compact and walkable;
- Housing is available and affordable for all residents;
- People feel safe downtown and in their own neighbourhoods;
- The natural environment (land and water) is protected and preserved;
- Walking paths and bicycle routes connect to key destinations;
- The economy is growing, vibrant and bringing in new businesses;
- Buildings and public spaces are attractive places; and,
- Recreation and cultural opportunities are plentiful.

The Official Community Plan 2010-2030 has been created to realize the community's vision for a sustainable community while keeping the best of what already exists, such as the waterfront, parklands and water quality.

Throughout the extensive community consultation process during the development of the OCP, residents expressed a strong desire to continue to make Kelowna a vibrant city which is designed to achieve economic growth, environmental protection, social development and cultural liveliness.

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Indicators are a way to assess the extent to which community goals are being achieved. Measuring progress will provide information on where changes may need to be considered for goals to be achieved. Alternatively, should it be decided that goals are no longer relevant, the goals themselves can be changed. In either situation, the objective is to align the City's and community's efforts with community goals.

Attachment 1 provides information on progress towards the vision and goals of the 2030 OCP. Indicators were selected to, in a balanced fashion, represent the broad range of economic, environmental, social and cultural objectives of the OCP. Key criteria were that the indicators had to be meaningful and based on data that would be readily available on an annual basis.

According to the indicators table (Attachment 1), the City is moving towards achieving OCP goals. Of the 28 indicators, 11 are trending in a positive direction, 7 are trending in a negative direction, 4 are very similar to the previous year, and 6 do not yet have enough data to determine a trend. It should be noted that two years worth of data is not sufficient to be considered a trend. Anomalies may be present in the context of just two years of data.

Highlights from the indicators are that:

- Generally, urban communities are becoming more compact; new commercial space is being directed to the urban centres and within the Permanent Growth Boundary.
- The conditions for a healthy housing supply are being put in place. However, there is still a disconnect between median incomes and median house prices making housing affordability an issue for many residents.
- The crime rate and traffic crash rate are both trending down, indicating that Kelowna is moving towards being a safer community.
- The economy is improving in terms of median income relative to the provincial median, but concurrently the number of businesses has declined.
- More parks and transportation dollars are being spent in the urban core in support of OCP objectives of increasing private investment in the central part of the city.
- Recreational opportunities remain strong.

At this point in time, data was not available for all indicators. In future years data will be available for all indicators and will be tabulated. The intent is to report annually on progress towards achieving the objectives of the Official Community Plan.

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Financial/Budgetary Considerations & Personnel Implications:

Staff will monitor the indicators for a few years and if trends are not moving in the desired direction, staff will return with suggestions for how favourable changes may be achieved. Where there are personnel or budgetary implications, such would be identified at that time.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

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OCP INDICATORS (Attachment 1)

What do we want to see more of (goals)?	Source of Criteria (all from OCP)	What is the Measure?	Where were we at previously?	Where are we at now?	Desired Performance	Trend	Performance
1 Containment of urban growth	Goal 1, Goal 8, Policy 5.3.1	A) What % of new residential units in Kelowna are located within the Urban Centres as well as the Urban Core? (defer Urban Core until 2013)	A) 13.4% of new residential units (2010)	A) 5.9% of new residential units (2011)	A) 43%	A) Down	
		B) What % of new commercial square footage is located within the Urban Centres?	B) 86.1% of new commercial (2010)	B) 82.2% of new commercial (2011)	B) 80%	B) Down	
		C) How much building space has been added as a result of changes to the Permanent Growth Boundary?	C) 0 sq. ft. (2011)	C) 0 sq. ft. (no change to PGB over past year)	C) 0 sq ft	C) Same	
2 Complete suburbs	Policy 5.2.3.	What % of the total urbanized (excl. agricultural) suburban (outside Core, inside PGB) land base is made up of commercial, institutional, and special needs housing?	2.10% (BCAA 2011)	2.11% (BCAA 2012)	Up	Up	
3 Affordable housing	Goal 2	A) How many years of wages working at the median labour force income does it take to purchase the median priced house?	A) 6.9 years	A) 7.0 years	A) 3.5 years	A) Up	
		B) What is the rental vacancy rate?	B) 3.0% (2009)	B) 3.5% (2010)	B) 3 - 5%	B) Up	
		C) What is the supply of available designated single family residential land?	C) Data not available	C) 1,678 acres = 19.8 years (2012)	C) 18 years	C) n/a	
		D) What is the supply of designated multi-family residential land?	D) Data not available	D) 2965 acres = 77.4 years (2012)	D) 36 years	D) n/a	
		E) What is the single-family lot inventory?	E) Data not available	E) 224 (approved and undeveloped lots (2012)) of 243 (lots absorbed in 2011) = 92%	E) No less than 90% of previous year's absorption	E) Up	
4 Streets that provide for pedestrians	Goal 3	What % of our street network has sidewalks or multi-use corridors? <i>No sidewalk data at this time. Summer 2012 - plans for creating a sidewalk inventory.</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
5 Streets (infrastructure) that provide for cyclists	Goal 3	What % of our street network has bike lanes or paths? (How many kilometers of bicycle infrastructure are in Kelowna?)	Data not available	22% (2012)	Up	No trend yet	
6 Balanced transportation network	Goal 3	What is the modal split between walking, cycling, vehicles?	Data not available	0.5% cyclists; 3.5% pedestrians; 96% vehicles (2011) * *	Increase biking and walking	No trend yet	
7 Development within 400 m of transit	Goal 3, Policy 5.3.2	What % of our population lives within 400 m of a transit stop?	49.2% (2007 Census)	47.3% (2012)	Up	Down	
8 Efficient energy use (electricity and gas)	Goal 4	A) Is the per household use of electricity going down?	A) 12,032 kWh per household (2010)	A) 12,148 kWh per household (2011)	A) Down	A) Up	
		B) Is the per household use of natural gas going down? (not weather normalized)	B) 73.2 GJ per household (2010)	B) 78.4 GJ per household (2011)	B) Down	B) Up	
9 Well paying Jobs	Goal 5	What is the median household income for those employed in Kelowna relative to the provincial median?	96% (\$64,566 Kelowna median) (2010)	97% (\$66,116 Kelowna median) (2011)	Equivalent or higher than Provincial median	Up	
10 Growing businesses	Vision, Goal 5	How many business with employees are there in Kelowna (CMA)?	7,657 businesses with employees (2010)	7,454 businesses with employees (2011). This represents a -2.7% change from 2010.	Up	Down	
11 Protected sensitive ecosystems	Goal 6	What % of Kelowna's land base is under formal and permanent environmental protection?	Data not available	5.5% (2012)	Up	No trend yet	
12 Protection of steep slopes	Policy 5.15.12	How many lots have been approved on slopes > 30%, where not provided by ASP's or subdivision approved prior to May 30, 2011?	Data not available	0 (2012)	0 lots	No trend yet	
13 Parks close to population centres	Goal 7, Policy 7.12.5, Goal 8	What % of Kelowna residents live within 400 meters of a park?	89.3% (2007)	83.6% (2012)	Up	Down	
14 Increased recreational opportunities	Vision, Goal 5, Goal 7	How many public program hours were delivered per capita?	0.3 hours delivered per capita (2010)	0.3 hours delivered per capita (2011)	Up	Same	
15 Distinctive and attractive neighbourhoods	Goal 8	A) What % of parks and transportation dollars are invested in the Urban Core?	A) 41.6% (2011)	A) 78.0% (2012)	A) Up	A) Up	
		B) What percent of total assessed value is within Urban Core, relative to the rest of City?	B) 50% (2011)	B) 49% (2012)	B) Up	B) Down	
16 Food production	Goal 9	A) What % of Kelowna's land base is actively farmed?	A) 22.6% actively farmed (2011)	A) 22.3% actively farmed (2012)	A) Up	A) Down	
		B) How many community gardens are there in Kelowna?	B) 6 community gardens (2011)	B) 8 community gardens (2012)	B) Up	B) Up	
17 Safety	Vision	A) What is the incidence of crimes against persons as related to population (crime rate)?	A) 21.1 crimes reported for every 1,000 people (2009 crime rate)	A) 19.9 crimes reported for every 1,000 people (2010 crime rate)	A) Down	A) Down	
		B) What is the incidence of motor vehicle crashes as related to population?	B) 74.3 crashes reported for every 1,000 people (2009)	B) 68.9 crashes reported for every 1,000 people (2010)	B) Down	B) Down	
18 Increased cultural opportunities	Vision, Goal 10	How many cultural facilities and community events does Kelowna have per capita? <i>Defer until 2014 when cultural indicators will be released.</i>	n/a	n/a	Up	n/a	

* The performance is undetermined since data was not available for more than one year. By 2013, five of the missing indicators will be available, and by 2014, all will be available.
 ** The modal split is skewed towards vehicle traffic because data was only available for limited intersections. Also, some traffic counts were done in November, when less people typically cycle. A comprehensive series of Intersections have been identified and will be used in the future.

Legend:
 Performance moving in right direction
 Performance moving in wrong direction
 Yearly difference in performance is minimal
 Not enough data to determine performance

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN INDICATORS



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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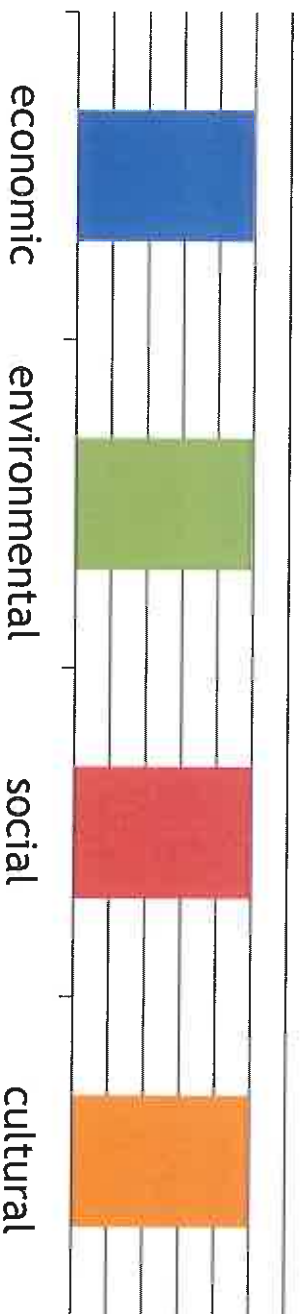


BACKGROUND

- ▶ May 30th, 2011, Council adopted the 2030 Official Community Plan
- ▶ Metrics required to measure progress
- ▶ Indicators developed
- ▶ Indicators are a way to assess the extent to which community goals are being achieved

INDICATORS

- ▶ Indicators selected to represent a balance between the economic, environmental, social, and cultural objectives of the OCP
- ▶ Indicators needed to be meaningful with data readily available on an annual basis



DATA

- ▶ **Dissecting the data:**
 - ▶ Some indicators only have base year data
 - ▶ Not all data available this year
 - ▶ Will have data for 5 more indicators in 2013
 - ▶ Will have data for all indicators in 2014

INDICATOR SCORECARD

- ▶ 11 indicators trending in a positive direction
- ▶ 7 trending in a negative direction
- ▶ 4 show results very similar to previous year
- ▶ 6 do not yet have enough data to show a trend



TRENDS AFTER ONE YEAR

- ▶ Urban communities are becoming more compact
- ▶ Housing affordability continues to be an issue for many residents
- ▶ Crime rate is moving down
- ▶ Median incomes are increasing
- ▶ Recreational opportunities remain strong

MOVING FORWARD

- ▶ Continue to collect indicator data annually
- ▶ Report to Council annually

