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Aspen Project No. 2023-109

City of Kelowna Community Planning 1435 Water Street Kelowna, BC, V1Y 1J4

**Attention: Planning Department** 

## Re: Development Application to Rezone 1870 Treetop Road, Kelowna, BC from RR1 to RU2

Dear Planning,

The purpose of this application is to secure approval, to rezone the subject property from it's existing RR1 Large Lot Rural Residential Zone to RU2 Medium Lot Housing to create a 16-lot duplex subdivision. The property is currently vacant, and all proposed lots meet the minimum lot sizes of the new RU2 zone delivering growth in a manner consistent with the new BC government legislation.

The intent of this development is to enhance housing variety in the sought after enclave of Black Mountain. Currently, the neighbourhood is predominantly composed of single detached homes alongside 26 duplex lots. Construction is underway at the adjacent property 1812 Turnberry St. for a 16-lot subdivision with expected registration soon.

This compact, pedestrian-scaled residential neighbourhood offers a diverse range of housing options tailored to meet the needs of younger homebuyers, growing families and individuals looking to downsize.

A single block from this subdivision is The Black Mountain - sntsk'il'ntən Regional Park - 640 hectares on the eastern slopes of Kelowna with extensive hiking trails and stunning views. The neighboring Black Mountain Golf Club is an amenity-rich community with a restaurant, multi-use trail system, tennis courts, hiking and biking and an 18-hole golf course where everyone is welcome.

This subdivision may provide the community with rental properties and/or building stratification options. It would be possible, with an approved Development Permit Application, to allow up to four dwelling units to be sold as distinct real estate entities.



The Black Mountain - sntsk'il'ntən Regional Park

The roughly 5.0-acre (2.04 hectare) parcel lies within a blend of residential and agricultural surroundings. To the north and west are agricultural properties, while the east adjoins a rural residential plot, and to the south sits a residential development. The proposed project extends the existing residential subdivision to the property's south. Its terrain features a gentle to moderate north facing slope creating a slightly steeper eastern aspect slope at the southern end.

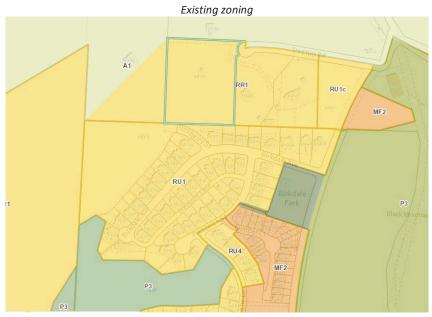


Considering the Property's condition and past human activity, it is categorized as having Low Environmental Sensitivity (ESA3). The analysis considers both the property's current state and the environmental characteristics of its surroundings. The natural slopes generally appear stable in their existing condition and no evidence of past slope instability was observed.

Full geotechnical and environmental monitoring and mitigation will be utilized during all phases of construction and restoration activities will be implemented to return disturbed areas to a state resembling the original habitat characteristics.



The existing surrounding neighborhood zoning includes A1-agricultural to the north and west, RR1 – Rural Residential to the east and RU1-Large Lot Housing, RU4-Low Density Cluster Housing and MF2-Multi-Dwelling to the south.



## MF2- Multi-Dwelling to the South



## **Civil Engineering:**

Ensures compatibility with existing neighborhoods that respects terrain, vegetation, drainage courses and constraints related to the hillside development. The lot layout promotes the siting of buildings and designs compatible with the hillside context and the road design follows the City of Kelowna

Cross Sections.

- Collector A: Utilizes an 18.2m ROW cross section (COK Dwg # XS-R43) c/w lights standards roughly every 50m. Design speed = 50km/hr.
- CDS uses COK Dwg # SS-R53
- Local B: Utilizes a 14.1m ROW cross section (COK Dwg # XS-R22) c/w lights standards roughly every 50m. Design speed = 30 km/hr.
- CDS uses COK Dwg # SS-R53

Profile Data

- Collector A: Max slope = 11.0%, Min k-value = 7 crest, 11 sag, >25m approach at 2% to Turnberry intersection
- Local B: Max slope = 4.0%, Min k-value = 6 crest, 6 sag

## Utilities

- Water will need to connect to BMID system in Treetop
- Sanitary needs to be constructed out to lift station at Treetop and Swainson

Walls – For Staff Consideration

- Walls are to be 1.2 m high and then stepped (walls to 2.5m are usually acceptable at subdivision).
- There are 4 areas in which walls are to be constructed.
  - a. Behind lots 10-14. 1.2m in height
  - b. Behind lots 5-9, 1.2m in height
  - c. West side of CDS Local B Roughly 6.0m long @ 2.0m in height
  - d. North end of Lot 16 Roughly 10m long @ 2.5m in height
- Slope (actual slope, not stepped) to span across back of lots 5-9 and 10-14. Spans roughly 120m between walls (a) and (b), max 14m height, max slope = 1.5:1. See cross section (sheet X-001)
- Lots 7-9 to be double walkout

Duplexes allow for efficient land use on a hillside, maximizing the utility of the space and providing more affordable housing options compared to single-family homes. This will ensure the neighborhood is economically diverse and accessible to residents. Adaptable to changing housing needs, duplexes can accommodate multigenerational living arrangements, home offices or rental units.

In conclusion, we believe this project aligns with the new zoning regulations and is in accordance with the City of Kelowna's Official Community Plan.

Sincerely,

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