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City of Kelowna **Urban Planning Department**1435 Water Street, Kelowna BC

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Rezoning Application for MF3 – Apartment Housing at 1270,1260 and 1256 Glenmore Drive

Introduction

Dear Planning Staff,

The purpose of this application is to rezone the subject properties from MF1 – Infill Housing to MF3 – Apartment Housing. The goal for this site is to utilize Zoning Bylaw 12375 and OCP 2040 – Mid-Rise Residential Guidelines to create a 6-storey apartment project which is safe, livable, accessible, and provides new housing opportunities in the Glenmore neighbourhood. The property is located on the Glenmore Drive Transit Supportive Corridor. All 3 properties will be consolidated as part of the development process.

Official Community Plan Objectives

As part of the application, a site plan and a massing diagram has been submitted to represent the intended land use on the property. When the architectural set is drafted for the Development Permit, Section 4.1 – Low & Mid-Rise Residential Guidelines will be carefully followed throughout the design process.

In broad terms, the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) has outlined various goals for land, housing, and transportation in the Regional District of Central Okanagan. Official Community Plan – Objective 5.2 aims to focus residential density along Transit Supportive Corridors to improve Core Area Neighbourhood livability. In addition, this proposal conforms to the 2040 OCP – Future Land Use guidance of Core Area – Neighbourhood along a Transit Supportive Corridor, as multi-unit residential is a supported use. The following pillars are met:

- Stop planning new suburban neighbourhoods.
 Creating multi-unit housing within existing neighbourhoods reduces the desire for new suburban neighbourhoods to be planned. In turn, density is focused in areas with existing services and nearby transit, walking, and biking options.
- 2. Target growth along transit corridors.

 The subject property is located on a Transit Supportive Corridor, therefore it is anticipated that the future growth along Glenmore Drive will be higher density. Midtown and Capri

Landmark Urban Centers are 1 kilometer away, and the Glenmore Village Centre is 2.5 kilometers to the north.

- 3. Promote more housing diversity.

 Mid-rise housing allows for diverse housing options within the Core Area of Kelowna. Many tenants or property owners are searching for "mid-rise" housing which provides appropriate parking, limited private open space, and single bedrooms for bachelor tenants or multiple
- 4. Prioritize sustainable transportation and shared mobility.

 Glenmore Drive is designated as a future primary bike corridor, though the subject property is also located 500 meters from the Okanagan Rail Trail, and therefore the residents of the subject property will have opportunity to access existing bike corridors. Additionally, the subject property is located less than 400 meters from a frequent transit route, meaning the residents will have the option to use public transit as needed.

The OCP acknowledges:

bedrooms for growing families.

As one of the fastest growing cities in Canada, Kelowna is rapidly evolving. Its economy is diversifying, many of its neighbourhoods are transforming, and people are choosing new ways to get around. In short, Kelowna is becoming a more urban and dynamic city and the pace of change is unlikely to let up As one of the fastest growing cities in Canada, Kelowna is rapidly evolving. Its economy is diversifying, many of its neighbourhoods are transforming, and people are choosing new ways to get around. In short, Kelowna is becoming a more urban and dynamic city and the pace of change is unlikely to let up.

Zoning

The purpose of this application is to assess whether MF3 – Apartment Housing is the appropriate land use for this site. Policies noted in the OCP and highlighted above provide direction for housing forms along the Glenmore corridor. Given that the land is adjacent to a Transit Supportive Corridor, City documents encourage higher density through density bonusing (Section 6.8), reduced parking regulations, additional height allowances and uses, and a minimum density regulation.

This project seeks to increase available housing in an area that was developed as a single dwelling unit neighbourhood in the 1970's and 1980's. Kelowna is projecting a growth of 1,630 new units in the Glenmore sector; 4% in Wilden and 6% in core Glenmore. This growth is not only in the single residential form but must include diverse forms such as townhouses and apartments. Supporting the MF3 – Apartment Housing zone contributes to a change in housing form and allows citizens an option to age in the neighborhood with which they are familiar. It will be a positive contribution to meet the Provincial housing target for the area.

Site Layout

As shown on the conceptual plan, the proposed project is a 6-storey building that will meet the required parking regulations for the zone within a parkade. The height of the building is 21.0m from

finished grade to the rooftop. At-grade amenity space and a rooftop patio will be provided for all residents of the building to access, creating an opportunity for improved mental health and well-being. As shown on the attached Zoning Table, the MF3 zone will work seamlessly on the site with no need for variances. Regarding form and character, Section 4.1 – Low & Mid-Rise Residential Guidelines will be carefully followed throughout the design process at the Development Permit stage.

Site access is taken from the lane that is parallel to Gordon Drive and has multiple entry/egress points. All homes along this block use the same access. Several factors are being considered to alleviate any potential congestion such as a dual use hard surface for loading and basketball, lane dedication, visitor parking, ride-share and bike stalls at-grade. Parking for individual units will be located underground.

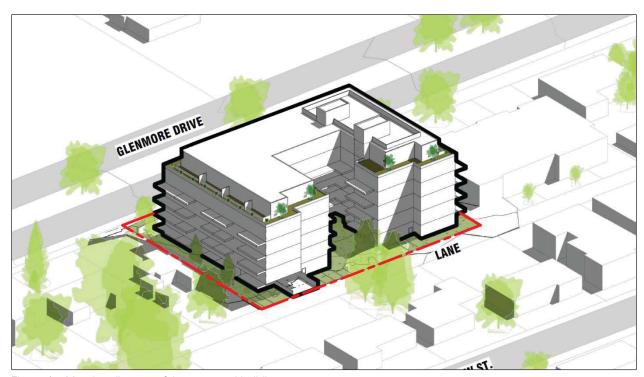


Figure 1 – Massing diagram of the proposed building

Landscaping and Amenity Space

As previously mentioned, at-grade amenity space and a rooftop patio will be provided for all residents of the building to access. It will be stepped in and landscaped along the edges to maintain the privacy of our neighbours. Being surrounded by fresh air, natural sunlight, and greenery can help reduce stress, improve mood, and promote relaxation. This leads to a more positive environment for future residents and neighbours alike. An abundance of turf, shrubs, trees, and turf stone will be provided around the site for aesthetics, environmental benefits, and outdoor enjoyment. Trees in accordance to the Zoning Bylaw regulations are planned. Bike parking is also located within this space, which is strategically placed in an area with building entrances and overlooking windows to promote CPTED principles.

Landscaping adjacent to Gordon Drive provides a "softening" effect between the public road Rightof Way and all units, allowing for a friendly transition from public, to semi-private, to private. The intention is to create a pedestrian-oriented site that is dynamic with regards to residents and their relationship to the street.

Conclusion

The intention of this proposal is to create a mid-rise development project in an upcoming area of Kelowna which is very walkable, bikeable, and has access to nearby amenities. The property is close to parks such as Parkison Recreation and Jack Robertson Memorial. The Kelowna Golf and Country Club is located across the street for avid golfers. This proposal is anticipated to provide additional housing at a time where the local housing market has been identified as unaffordable and short of supply. The building form will match the intended density on a transit supportive corridor. We look forward to hearing your comments and feedback on the project.

Regards,

Urban Options Planning Corp. by it's Authorized Signatory; Birte Decloux, RPP MCIP



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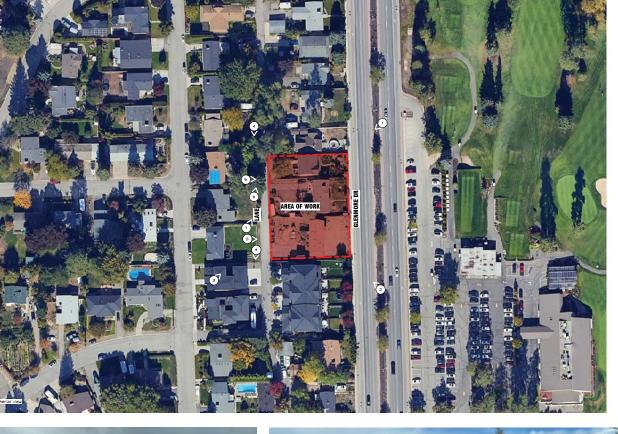
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