

Feb. 25, 2022

City of West Kelowna
2760 Cameron Rd
West Kelowna, BC, V1Z 2T6

Attention: Chris Oliver

Subject: OCP Growth Scenario

Dear Chris:

Thank you for providing UDI Okanagan with the opportunity to provide further input on the City of West Kelowna's Growth Scenario as part of the ongoing Official Community Plan (OCP) review process.

Overall, we are supportive of the direction that the City is going in with regards to its Growth Scenario.

We would like to note a word of caution regarding neighbourhood/commercial mixes as these can be difficult to achieve. With these types of developments, it is imperative to have a critical mass of people living in the area before the commercial component becomes viable. We recommend that the City look into hiring a third party consultant who can provide input to the City regarding what the necessary critical mass needs to be for a given area.

Also, the issue of affordable and attainable housing is of increasing concern across many Canadian municipalities, including in West Kelowna. We believe that a paradigm shift needs to occur to help address this important issue and we encourage the City to look at things in a new way for the benefit of the community at large. One suggestion for the City's consideration is to find ways of densifying existing older neighbourhoods to help create more density and housing.

Thank you in advance for considering our feedback and we would welcome further opportunities to engage with the City as this Growth Scenario becomes further defined.

Sincerely,

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Per: Rick Miller, Chair, City of West Kelowna Municipal Liaison Committee