



May 12, 2016

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Urban Development Institute- Okanagan Chapter
210- 1460 Pandosy Street,
Kelowna, BC,
V1Y 1P3,

Attention: Andrew Gaucher, Chair

Dear Andrew:

Re: Fire Flow UDI Letter of April 21, 2016

The following is to respond your request within your April 21, 2016 concerning the City Water Utility's policy regarding fire flow.

As you are aware the City water utility will only be prescribing the maximum fire flow demand available for its utility as those flows shown for the various zones identified within section 1.3, schedule 4 of the subdivision servicing bylaw.

You have requested that we consider grandfathering or exempting instream applications from this change in policy as the change could cause harm to those developments. Specifically, you were concerned with those applications that have a development permit, but do not have building permit, or a future phase of building permit.

The City is prepared to look at each of the aforementioned developments on a case by case basis. If we can determine that the fire flows that were originally identified in the development application will likely be available in the future, we will grandfather these applications as requested. In the event that adequate fire flows will not be available, the City of Kelowna will work with the individual developer and their engineering consultant(s) to investigate alternative solutions. From our conversations, I understand that there may be as many as 12 such applications in transition.

Please feel free to forward this letter, to the affected parties. Our department will review any of the aforementioned developments and provide any recommendations on whether the utility can safely accommodate the higher fire flows required.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Reeder".

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