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City of Kelowna  
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**Attention: Mayor and Council, City of Kelowna**

**Subject: City of Kelowna Parks Development DCC Bylaw**

We are reaching out to you today in response to feedback that we have received from some members of Council indicating that UDI did not bring its concerns with regards to the Parks Development DCC to Council's attention early enough in the process. We now realize that we should have engaged with Council directly much earlier on in this process, and going forward, we intend to do that. We would also like to take this time today to show you the significant level of engagement we've had with City of Kelowna staff over the last year and a half on this important issue. To be clear, UDI is in support of responsible development of parks in Kelowna.

As mentioned in our previous letter to the Province on December 10, 2019, to which the City of Kelowna has also been circulated, we have been engaged in consultations with City of Kelowna staff on this matter as far back as June, 2018. We have had a number of meetings and other correspondences with City staff since then where we have outlined our concerns. Below is a list of the various forms of engagement in chronological order that we have had with the City on this topic. Note – this list speaks specifically to letters and formal meetings, but does not include other phone calls or conversations that occurred in addition to the engagement below.

- July 16, 2018 letter sent to Joel Shaw, City of Kelowna.
- November 1, 2019 UDI meeting with City of Kelowna staff on Parks Development DCC.
- October 15, 2018 response letter received from Robert Parlane, City of Kelowna.
- June 25 2019 UDI meeting with City of Kelowna staff on Parks Development DCC.
- July 12, 2019, letter sent to Robert Parlane, City of Kelowna.
- July 31, 2019 UDI meeting with City of Kelowna staff on Parks Development DCC.
- August 19, 2019 UDI meeting with City of Kelowna staff for technical review of Parks Development DCC.
- August 26, 2019 letter sent to Robert Parlane, City of Kelowna.
- October 25, 2019 letter sent to Council.
- December 10, 2019 letter sent to the Province and Council.

As outlined in our previous letter, we still have a number of concerns with this proposed Parks Development DCC. In addition to the concerns outlined in our previous letter, we would also like to highlight that we had hoped that prior to the City of Kelowna adopting this significant increase in DCCs, a discussion would have been re-opened on the 2.2 ha/1000 residents standard including which parks actually deserve to be included in that count. Getting back to a philosophical discussion on parks instead of simply doubling Parks DCCs would have been much more beneficial.

Based on the correspondence to date, including our most recent letter to the Province, we encourage council to reconsider adopting this bylaw and instead consider a wholesome review of the DCC program after adoption of the Kelowna 2040 OCP.

Thank you for your taking our comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

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Per: Rich Threlfall, Chair of UDI Okanagan

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Threlfall", is positioned below the typed name.