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City of Kelowna
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Attention: Alan Newcombe

Subject: Change in Fire Flow Requirements

The Urban Development Institute (UDI) is a national association (with international affiliations) of the development industry and its related professions. The corporate members of the UDI - Okanagan Chapter represent hundreds of individuals involved in all facets of land development and planning, including: developers, property managers, financial lenders, lawyers, engineers, planners, architects, appraisers, real estate professionals, local governments and government agencies.

As a Partner in Community Building, the UDI Okanagan Chapter is committed to working with communities and governments to create and achieve the vision of balanced, well-planned, sustainable and affordable communities.

It has recently come to our attention that the City of Kelowna has revised its interpretation of Section 1.3 of the City's Water Bylaw. Previously, a project design could proceed given a minimum fire flow. With this change, the previous minimum now becomes the maximum available to the project. This change in approach of forcing fire mitigation design on new homeowners with significant costs and no industry or public dialogue is troublesome and significantly impacts many of our members' projects.

We request the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this important matter further to better understand the rationale behind this policy change and to explore potential alternatives that would achieve the City's objectives while mitigating the negative impacts that this current change will cause.

Sincerely

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Gaucher".

Per: Andrew Gaucher, Chair of UDI Okanagan