

Why is the City undertaking the Rutland Town Centre Parks and Open Space Plan?

The City of Kelowna's Official Community Plan was recently updated to allow for an increase in density in the Rutland Town Centre. Over the next 20 years, and as the area re-develops, it is estimated that 4,000 additional people will move to the town centre.

Why provide parkland in the Rutland Town Centre?

The existing parks in the Rutland Town Centre will not be able to provide adequate recreational amenities for the additional 4,000 people. To address the future demand, new parkland will need to be created and developed. One of the park objectives of the Official Community Plan is to provide 2.2 hectares of new parkland for every additional 1,000 people. The purpose of the Rutland Town Centre Parks and Open Space Plan is to provide direction on how to achieve this standard.

What kind of parkland will it be?

A goal of the Rutland Town Centre Parks and Open Space plan is to determine the location, size and type of parkland. The proposed park could create a variety of public spaces that create a strong focal point for the Rutland community.

What will the timeframe be to purchase the parkland?

At the end of the public consultation process and if the plan is approved by City Council, parkland acquisition would be a long term objective, achieved over the next 20 years.

How much would the land acquisition cost?

Another goal of the Rutland Town Centre Parks and Open Space Plan is to determine where the parkland could be located and the value of that land. A preliminary cost estimate suggests land acquisition could be in the range of \$12 million.

How would the land acquisition be funded?

The land acquisition would be funded through the Development Cost Charge Bylaw (DCCs) with new development contributing 92% and future taxation contributing 8%.

How would the park development be funded?

Park development is generally funded through taxation. There are other potential sources that could help fund the project, including private development partnerships, non-profit service club partnerships and infrastructure grants.

When will the parks be built?

If the plan is approved by City Council, the parks would be built as re-development occurs.

How do I submit my comments?

We value your input and feedback on this plan. A comment form is available at this open house for your input and staff are present to answer questions. In addition, the Rutland Town Centre Parks and Open Space Plan and comment form will be available on-line at the City's website for your review at www.kelowna.ca