

Civic Block Plan

Background

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The Civic Block stretches from Clement to Queensway and Water to Ellis. It falls within the boundaries of the Downtown Plan and is home to some of our most important government services (i.e. Court House and City Hall) and treasured community facilities (i.e. Kelowna Community Theatre and Memorial Arena). The high concentration of publicly owned lands makes the area unique and the ‘civic heart’ of downtown.

Opportunity and Need

The Civic Block area is in transition. The RCMP offices are relocating to Clement, Interior Health is building new offices on Ellis and the Kelowna Community Theatre and Memorial Arena buildings are reaching the end of their optimal lifespan. With so much activity and opportunity, a plan is needed to ensure these lands are developed in a thoughtful and financially-viable way.

Council Support

On March 16, 2015, Council supported moving forward with a multi-phase community engagement and corporate planning initiative to develop a land use plan for the Civic Block area of Downtown.

Our Goal

Through the plan, the Civic Block will evolve into a high-density area with cultural, civic and other complementary uses that support a more complete downtown community.

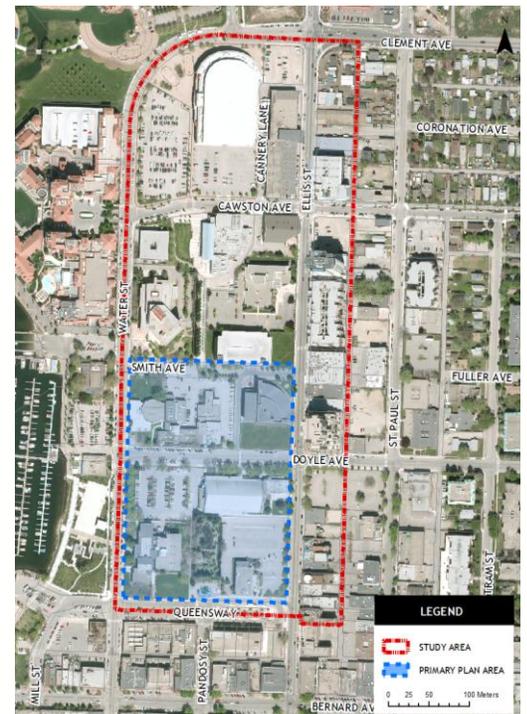
Established Direction

The plan will build on the direction set in the Downtown Plan which included the following land use recommendations for the area:

- Permit a full range of cultural and civic uses
- Permit mixed-use projects which include a cultural use
- Permit public open space
- Permit affordable housing (subject to Trust provisions)

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Transparent Process

We are following our proven process for engaging affected stakeholders and the community in the development of the plan.

- Landowners, businesses and interest groups within the Civic Block will be consulted directly through face-to-face meetings.
- Members of the community will be invited to participate in community workshops with key stakeholders.
- The public will have a chance to comment on the draft plans and the preferred plan through a mix of online engagement activities and open houses.

The preferred plan will be considered by City Council for approval in the spring of 2016.