

Theme 1

Strengthening policies to protect agriculture

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OCP Updates

- 1.1a Restrict additional density outside the Permanent Growth Boundary.
- 1.1b Restrict community sewer service expansion into agricultural areas.
- 1.1c Restrict non-farm uses that do not directly benefit agriculture.
- 1.1d Protect and support the continued designation of Natural Resource Protection lands for agricultural purposes.
- 1.1e Explore a new OCP land use designation: Transition to Agriculture.

Farm Protection Development Permit Guidelines Update

- 1.2a Adopt residential footprint policies .
- 1.2b Include underground residential services within the residential footprint.
- 1.2c Only structures used for farm use or have a direct benefit to agriculture may be located outside residential footprint.
- 1.2d Locate services related to the public near the road.
- 1.2e Ensure residential footprint maximizes agricultural potential.
- 1.2f Require covenants on non-agricultural land to notify landowners of surrounding normal farm practices.
- 1.2g Locate uses of urban land adjacent to agricultural land by vulnerable populations to limit interface incompatibilities.

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Zoning Bylaw Updates	
1.3a	Review and amend the A1 zone to ensure compliance.
1.3b	Investigate adopting a maximum home total floor area within the A1 zone.
1.3c	Revise policy for mobile homes on farmland.
1.3d	Remove “carriage house” as a permitted use within the A1 zone.
1.3e	Increase minimum lot size in the ALR from 2.0 ha to 4.0 ha.
1.3f	Update vegetative buffer specifications.
1.3g	Investigate parking limitations on agricultural lands.
1.3h	Investigate local food retail opportunities outside of the ALR.
1.3i	Revise the definition of “urban agriculture” to include sale of farm products as a seasonal operation.
1.3j	Designate sites or zones as suitable for “local produce stands”
1.3k	Align commercial assembly events on farmland regulations with Ministry of Agriculture and Agriculture Land Commission.
1.3l	Investigate options to regulate permitted uses.

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Objective:

Preserve and strengthen farmland, limit non-agricultural development and minimize conflicts.

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Other Policy and Regulation Updates	
1.4a	Maintain and expand Agricultural Compliance and Enforcement Strategy
1.4b	Establish procedures for zoning compliance review via business license applications on agricultural properties.
1.4c	Update the Development Applications Procedures Bylaw to allow for request of agricultural impact assessment.
1.4d	Explore opportunities to better match tax rates with farmland production values.
1.4e	Update Noxious Weed and Insects Bylaw.
1.4f	Update Soil Deposit and Removal Bylaw.
1.4g	Update the Business Bylaw to include definition of local food sales.
1.4h	Require a business license for commercial assembly events.
1.4i	Investigate opportunities to minimize impacts to agriculture during YLW expansions as outlined in the 2045 Airport Master Plan

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Theme 2 Stewarding natural resources for food production

Objective:

Integrate agricultural needs into environmental initiatives.



ID	Description
2a	Evaluate and monitor City of Kelowna water pricing with the goal of sustaining agriculture.
2b	Include agriculture in municipal climate change strategies.
2c	Implement 2015 Central Okanagan Clean Air Strategy to reduce smoke from burning.
2d	Create consistent water restriction / drought level messaging.
2e	Ensure that drought management and response plans are clear and consistent.
2f	Continue to enforce Noxious Weed and Insect bylaws.
2g	Continue to work towards sustainable, redundant and secure water for agriculture.
2h	Develop emergency plans that are inclusive of agriculture.
2i	Investigate options for vegetative buffers on the urban side of the Permanent Growth Boundary.

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Theme 3 Improving awareness of local agriculture and access to local food

Objective:

Increase access to local food products and raise awareness.



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3a	Expand programs such as Farm to Flight at YLW
3b	Raise level of understanding about agriculture
3c	Investigate opportunities for pop up markets to sell local produce.
3d	Develop a Healthy Food Strategy
3e	Evaluate an agricultural signage program to raise awareness.
3f	Communicate land use policies with real estate and community groups.
3g	Consider farm tours for elected officials and staff.
3h	Identify opportunities to increase YLW's air cargo service to potentially provide opportunity to ship local agricultural products to additional markets.

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Theme 4 Fostering and sustaining farm business and farmland

Objective:
Investigate alternative ownership for farmland.



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4a	<p>Investigate and support opportunities for alternative ownership models (e.g. farmland trust) for farmland for the purpose of increasing production. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allotments• Incubator farms• Farmland trust• Co-operative farming models

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Theme 5 Actions where the City plays a supportive role

Objective:

Support implementation where the City does not have jurisdiction.



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5a	Continue to support OK Sterile Insect Release program.
5b	Continue to support agricultural economic development goals.
5c	Investigate changes to encourage improved waste diversion as per 2017 Solid Waste Management Plan.
5d	Continue to support community groups to determine infrastructure for a permanent farmer's market location.
5e	Encourage farmers to work with the Province for troublesome wildlife.
5f	Encourage initiatives for land linking and mentorship for farmers.
5g	Work with Ministry of Agriculture to digitize soil maps.
5h	Encourage the Province to re-establish agricultural liaison services.
5i	Encourage the Province to restrict the sale of trees that can negatively impact the agricultural industry.

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Agriculture Plan Themes and Actions

The Plan consists of 51 actions and 9 supporting actions in the following areas:

1. Strengthen local policies and regulations to protect agriculture (33 actions)
2. Stewarding natural resources and the environment for food production (9 actions)
3. Improving awareness of local agriculture and access to local food (8 actions)
4. Fostering and sustaining farm business and farmland (1 action)
5. Provide a supporting role for actions outside the City's jurisdiction (9 actions)



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Implementation Strategy

Each action has been assessed for:

- ▶ Priority
- ▶ Timeline
- ▶ Resources

Timeline identified for each action:

- ▶ Ongoing
- ▶ Phase 1 (2018-2019)
- ▶ Phase 2 (2020 – 2022)
- ▶ Phase 3 (2023-2027)
- ▶ Supporting actions (no timeline provided)

