

Summary of Engagement Feedback

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KAMPLAN: City of Kamloops Official Community Plan Update 2025: Summary of Engagement Feedback

Community engagement on 2025 update to the Official Community Plan included:

- Meetings with the KAMPLAN Advisory Group. The KAMPLAN Advisory Group is comprised of representatives from the development sector, the environmental and/or sustainability sector, the social and/or health sector, the business sector, Tkémilúps te Secwépemc Council, and the community at large. During three meetings in May and June, the group provided early feedback of preliminary ideas on OCP content.
- Public information sessions. The City of Kamloops hosted four public information sessions over three weeks in June 2025, held at venues in the North Shore, Downtown, Valleyview, and Aberdeen. The sessions were announced on June 5, 2025, and promoted through the City's website, Let's Talk page, and social media channels and through advertisements on local radio stations, digital news websites, and the June edition of City Page in the Chronicle Newspaper. The sessions had a total attendance of 121 with staff at each session to speak with the public and field questions and comments.
- Let's Talk page. Display boards and supporting information handouts shared at the public information sessions were made available for approximately one month on the City's Let's Talk page, which also provided an online method of submitting comments on any of the display boards. The Let's Talk page received 1,038 visits, 247 downloads, and six comments. Staff received a few emails and in-office visits from the public in addition to these primary comment opportunities.
- Targeted engagement. Staff also hosted targeted sessions with Urban Indigenous non-profit housing and social service providers, the Canadian Home Builders' Association - Central Interior, and the business sector which included the business improvement associations (BIAs) and City-affiliated economic development partners.

A comprehensive list of comments heard during the engagement period is provided below by topic area along with the source of each comment. Staff have provided responses to each of the topics. More information relating to the four requests for direction by the Committee of The Whole mentioned in this engagement list will be made available in a forthcoming Committee of The Whole report.

Scenes from Public Information Sessions, June 2025



Downtown, June 11, Yacht Club



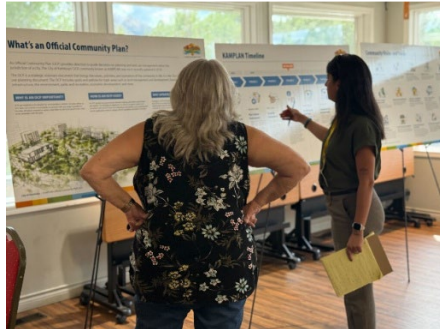
North Shore, June 19, Kamloops Sports Council Building



Valleyview, June 24, Valleyview Community Centre



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Terminology of Sources

DKBIA - Downtown Kamloops Business Improvement Association

EKBIA - East Kamloops Business Improvement Association

NSBIA - North Shore Business Improvement Association

CHBA-CI - Canadian Home Builders' Association - Central Interior

KAG - Kamloops Advisory Group

Public (Downtown) - comments from the public at the Downtown Engagement Session, June 6, 2025

Public (Southwest) - comments from the public at the Southwest Engagement Session, June 18, 2025

Public (North Shore) - comments from the public at the North Shore Engagement Session, June 19, 2025

Public (Southeast) - comments from the public at the Southeast Engagement Session, June 24, 2025

Public (Let's Talk) - comments from the public submitted on LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/KAMPLAN

Land Use Plan			
Topic	What We Heard	Source	Response
Infill and New Development	Concerns about the lack of green space, architectural style, and urban vibrancy in new developments.	Public (Downtown)	Design and green space will continue to be regulated through the Official Community Plan's development permit area guidelines
Transit-Oriented Areas	Recommend aligning Transit-Oriented Area boundaries to full blocks where a majority of lots fall within the prescribed proximity radius. This will encourage cohesive development and reduce the potential for isolated, underutilized parcels.	CHBA-CI	Propose to update the Official Community Plan's land use map and policy language to support this approach.
Valleyview Town Centre	Support for creating a walkable promenade in Valleyview Town Centre.	Public (Southeast)	Propose to include policy language supporting pedestrian infrastructure in the Valleyview Town Centre and to coordinate with the Active Transportation Plan.
Building Height Near the Future Valleyview Transit Exchange	Concerns about the incompatibility of the proposed new development (e.g. six-storey building proposed for Glenwood Drive) next to existing bungalows. Would prefer to see the building oriented towards Oriole Road.	Public (Southeast)	The six-storey building height for building on Glenwood Drive is based on the assumption that the property could be designated as a Transit-Oriented Area by the Province, whereby the municipality is required to support building heights in legislation. Staff are seeking input from the Committee of the Whole on how to proceed with this item.
New Commercial Land Use Designations	Support for breaking up the broad Commercial designation into the three more precise Commercial designations (Local Commercial, Mid-Rise Commercial, and Highway and Service Commercial)	Public (Downtown)	n/a
Local Commercial Development	Desire for small corner stores in the West End to encourage active transportation and community health	Public (Downtown)	The Official Community Plan will continue to encourage commercial development to be focussed in defined areas. Existing neighbourhood commercial areas, such as corner

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	Interest in supportive zoning regulations to support local businesses, such as restaurants, in residential areas	KAG	stores, will be designated Local Commercial. Creation of new local commercial development in residential areas may be considered in the future through Official Community Plan amendments.
	Concern about expanding commercial uses into residential areas due to incompatibility with adjacent land use and desire to support the vibrancy of existing commercial areas, where there is opportunity for economic spin-off in lieu of more sporadic neighbourhood commercial development	Business community	
New Urban Land Use Designations	Interest in changing the land use designation of the Tranquille on the Lake area from Urban to Parks and Open Space.	Public (Downtown)	Current Urban and Agricultural designation from the 2018 Official Community Plan will be retained to acknowledge the 2012 rezoning application of the area (currently held at third reading).
	Support for splitting up existing Urban land use designations into three separate designations (Low-Rise, Mid-Rise, and High-Rise Urban) and proposed density levels.	Public (Southwest)	Acknowledged.
Future Development Areas	Wanting to understand the process of Future Development Areas in the Agricultural Land Reserve.	Public (Downtown)	The City is seeking a legal opinion on how to respond to these comments. Iron Mask North is currently in the Official Community Plan with a disclaimer acknowledging that it is

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	Proposed McGowan South and Iron Mask North Future Development Areas within the Agricultural Land Reserve are inconsistent with the <i>Agricultural Land Commission Act</i> and should be removed from the Official Community Plan. Iron Mask North may be considered to remain subject to seeking a bylaw endorsement from the Agricultural Land Commission.	Agricultural Land Commission	inconsistent with the <i>Agricultural Land Commission Act</i> and therefore not a valid land use designation.
	Interest in supporting food security in Future Development Areas and golf courses, such as the Pineridge Golf Course and the Dunes at Kamloops, which have greater agricultural capacity due to lower elevations	Public (Downtown)	Acknowledged.
Parks and Open Space	Recommend designating the recently purchased land south of Juniper Ridge by the BC Parks Foundation as Parks and Open Space, as the land was purchased for conservation purposes.	Public (North Shore)	The land use designation of this area will be updated.

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Access to Commercial Activities	Need for commercial space in new developments or adjacent to them.	Public (Downtown)	Much of the Downtown and North Shore is zoned to allow commercial development. To further encourage commercial growth, the City has implemented revitalization tax exemption areas in the Downtown and North Shore. It will be up to the market to decide whether to build commercial space.
	Not enough commercial space in Aberdeen. You need to drive from Aberdeen to Hugh Allan Drive to access commercial areas, which is not bike friendly.	Public (Southwest)	Identification of commercial space in the area can be included in future neighbourhood planning on an application basis. It will be up to the market to decide whether to build it.
Improvements to Commercial Areas	Need for more bicycle lockups in the Hugh Allan Drive area.	Public (Southwest)	Bike racks will be required in conjunction with future development applications in accordance with the Zoning Bylaw, which requires an integrated system for providing bicycle parking across the entire site for development occurring in commercial, mixed-use, or multi-unit residential projects.
Commercial Areas' Walkability and Vibrancy	Concern about the impact on the pedestrian realm and the commercial base of allowing stand-alone residential developments in commercial areas. Would like to monitor the impact.	NSBIA	<p>The Zoning Bylaw requires ground-floor commercial space in the core areas of the Downtown and North Shore. Development permit area guidelines support pedestrian-friendly design for both commercial and residential development.</p> <p>Language has also been added to the Official Community Plan to support monitoring the situation over time.</p>

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Policy Supporting Updates to the Home-Based Business Regulations to Expand the Range of Businesses Allowing Customer Visits in Line with Other Municipalities	While opportunities to support start-up businesses were supported, significant concern was expressed about the impact on the vibrancy of existing commercial areas, including areas experiencing ongoing vacancy in commercial lease space, impact on the tax base for business improvement associations, and potential incompatibility with adjacent residential land uses.	NSBIA EKBIA Downtown Kamloops BIA Chamber of Commerce	The Official Community Plan 2025 update will propose to support minor changes to as-of-right zoning permissions (e.g. to permit customer visits for home-based counsellors, consultants, coaches, and bookkeepers), but discourage other types of home-based businesses (e.g. medical or professional offices).

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Low-Barrier Shelters	Concern about the concentration of low-barrier shelters on the North Shore, impacting available disposable income needed to service commercial development. Would like to see a defined “saturation” point for affordable and low-barrier housing in the Official Community Plan. Would also like to see regular community impact assessments.	NSBIA	<p>The Official Community Plan 2025 update proposes to include a policy encouraging supportive housing, subsidized housing, and emergency shelters to be distributed throughout the community and managed to minimize adverse impacts associated with the over-concentration of vulnerable community groups. Language limiting or excluding certain demographic groups from a given area is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan and likely contrary to human rights legislation.</p> <p>Impact assessments and saturation analyses are better suited for project-level reviews, such as rezoning, where detailed site data is available.</p>
	Distribution of low-barrier housing needs to be close to services, but they are currently concentrated.	KAG (Canadian Mental Health Association)	The Official Community Plan supports locating shelter, supportive, and affordable housing near essential services to foster social integration. To address concentration concerns while maintaining inclusivity, the Official Community Plan 2025 update proposes to include policy to encourage supportive housing, subsidized housing, and emergency shelters to be distributed throughout the community and appropriately managed by community partners to minimize impacts of over-concentration.
Columbia Precinct	Concern that the Columbia Precinct is not being developed in accordance with the vision in the 2019 Downtown Plan.	Public (Downtown)	The Downtown Plan provides a high-level vision of what the Columbia Precinct could look like. It is not intended to function as a regulation limiting specifics of how the land may be developed. It is largely up to the property owner (the Province) to determine how they wish to develop their land. Some land uses supported by the Downtown Plan, such as commercial, could be pursued by the property owner, subject to rezoning approval.

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Columbia Precinct - BC Housing Projects (Emergency Shelter and Complex Care)	Concern about unhoused people using the Peterson Creek Park area if the shelter is full or during the day, when they leave the shelter.		This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. Overall, it is expected that providing additional shelter space will reduce the presence of unhoused people in public places.
	Concern about Peterson Creek Park not being usable due to garbage, such as drug paraphernalia, associated with unhoused people/people in shelter. Is there an opportunity to improve the park's maintenance to ensure it is usable?		This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan; however, City staff will continue to manage garbage, related items, and encampments as necessary.
	Concern about the current limited access. The shelter is on the only access road. Are there plans to improve access?		This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. Access to any development in the Columbia Precinct will use the existing road network (Glenfair Drive or 5th Avenue).
	Concern that the complex care facility will be a safe injection site. Will it be used for non-residents?		This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. Specifics on managing the facility will be determined by the operator.
Homelessness	Concern that we are building facilities that are attracting unhoused people from outside of Kamloops. Could the Point-in-Time Count ask where people are coming from?	Public (Downtown)	This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. The 2024 Point-in-Time Report does provide information on mobility. Notably, of those who responded to the point-in-time survey, 68% indicated they have either always lived in Kamloops or have been living in Kamloops for five years or longer. The most common reason respondents indicated that they moved to Kamloops and remained in Kamloops was because their family and friends live here.
	Need to house people close to services.	Public (Downtown)	Official Community Plan policy encourages housing close to amenities, but it also seeks to minimize the concentration of specific demographic groups and contemplates the potential for temporary housing in underutilized areas without services.

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	Concern about unhoused people camped along the river in Valleyview. Residents cannot use the area. There was a fire recently.	Public (Southeast)	This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. Staff and Council are reviewing the issue of encampments. The public is encouraged to report encampments to Community Services.
Affordable Housing	Concern about the definition of affordability and the need to prioritize deeply affordable housing.	KAG Canadian Mental Health Association	The Official Community Plan's definition of affordability is based on that of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. In the Kamloops Housing Needs Report (2024), prepared in accordance with provincial legislation, the term extreme core housing need is identified. This refers to households requiring deeply affordable housing, typically those spending 50% or more of their before-tax income on housing costs. Within the spectrum of housing affordability, this threshold is more severe than core housing need, which is defined as spending 30% or more of income on housing. Typically, Official Community Plans do not get into greater detail on levels of affordability, which rely on funding requirements of senior government agencies.
Proposed Official Community Plan Policy Regarding the Redevelopment of Manufactured Home Parks and Other Affordable Housing Projects Aimed at Minimizing Displacement and Accommodating Displaced Residents	Concern about added costs and complexities of local provisions that exceed provincial standards outlined in the <i>Residential Tenancy Act</i> and the <i>Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act</i> . Recommend that City policy should align with and not exceed provincial requirements.	CHBA-CI	<p>The Official Community Plan 2025 update proposes adding policy supporting accommodation for residents of rental units, and of units in manufactured home parks, who are especially vulnerable as they own their homes but rent the land. Staff are seeking input from the Committee of the Whole on how to proceed with this item.</p> <p>Research on the topic is summarized as follows:</p> <p><u>Rental Units</u>: In 2023, Kamloops had about 11,940 rental units. Renters make up 30% of households, generally have lower incomes, and face higher displacement risks during redevelopment. Aging housing stock and rising property values may encourage redevelopment. With a low primary rental vacancy rate of 1.4% in 2024, policies are needed to protect tenants. Staff reviewed policies from 22 British</p>

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			<p>Columbia municipalities. Seventeen have policies addressing tenant displacement from rental housing redevelopment, including protections such as rental unit replacement, right of first refusal, early and ongoing communication, relocation plan, relocation assistance, and financial compensation and moving support. Municipalities with such provisions include Kelowna, Saanich, Nanaimo, Port Moody, and Surrey.</p> <p><u>Manufactured Home Park:</u> Kamloops has 23 manufactured home parks with 1,580 units. While none are currently facing redevelopment, future displacement could occur with redevelopment. The proposed Official Community Plan policy aims to reduce this risk and provide clarity for both tenants and developers.</p> <p>Staff reviewed the Official Community Plan and Council policies from 18 major British Columbia municipalities. Eleven have adopted relocation policies with measures like early communication, relocation assistance, financial compensation, and right of first refusal. Municipalities with such provisions include Kelowna, West Kelowna, Mission, Nanaimo, Lake Country, and Maple Ridge.</p>

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Proposed Official Community Plan Policy Supporting Consideration of Temporary Housing in ALL Land Use Designations	Concern that supporting temporary housing outside core areas poses challenges to clients needing social supports.	KAG (Canadian Mental Health Association)	<p>The Official Community Plan 2025 update proposes to recognize temporary housing as a necessary part of the housing continuum, especially in response to displacement, emergencies, or homelessness. It also includes policies that address various housing types, ranging from temporary housing to permanent affordable housing.</p> <p>Official Community Plan 2025 policy encourages housing for vulnerable populations to locate in or adjacent to mixed-use areas to enable access to necessary services. Proposed Official Community Plan policy also supports consideration of temporary housing initiatives on underutilized lands within other non-mixed-use land use designations (such as Industrial or Parks and Open Space) to accommodate opportunities that may arise from partners such as BC Housing. While some locations may not be ideal from a social service perspective, they may be necessary in the short term while longer-term housing options in more central areas are developed.</p>

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Proposed Official Community Plan Policy Discouraging Strata Conversion of Rental Buildings Where the Vacancy Rate is Below 3%	Concern about the proposed policy discouraging strata conversion of rental buildings where the vacancy rate is below 3%. Would like to recoup the costs of construction by being able to sell units and support potential homeownership opportunities.	CHBA-CI	<p>Under the <i>Strata Property Act</i>, Council is the default approving authority for strata titling previously occupied buildings, including rental housing buildings. The Act requires the approving authority to consider various factors, including the priority of rental accommodation over privately owned housing in the area. In Kamloops, there is currently no established policy guiding the degree to which rental housing should be prioritized when considering an application for strata conversion. Staff are seeking input from the Committee of the Whole on how to proceed with this item.</p> <p>Research on the topic is summarized as follows:</p> <p>As per best practices, a vacancy rate of approximately 3% is considered a healthy rental market. City staff have reviewed the Official Community Plans and related policies of 24 British Columbia municipalities. Most municipalities link strata conversion approvals to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation vacancy rate thresholds (e.g. 4% or higher in Vernon, Langley, and Saanich; 3% in Nanaimo and Courtenay; and 2% in Abbotsford and Chilliwack). In addition to vacancy rate thresholds, many municipalities require further conditions, such as tenant notification and engagement, relocation plans, and compensation measures (Kelowna, West Kelowna, Abbotsford, Mission).</p>

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Proposed Official Community Plan Policy Encouraging New Market Developments to Include at Least 5% of Units as Having Three or More Bedrooms to Support Family-Sized Housing, Consistent with the <i>Housing Needs Report (2024)</i> , Which Identifies a Need for 4,080 Additional Three-Bedroom Units (29% of All Units) and 4,955 Additional Four-Bedroom Units (36% of All Units)	Concern about encouraging a minimum of 5% three-bedroom units in new market developments, as developers argue there is limited market demand and these units are harder to sell, with families typically preferring homes with yards. It is argued that encouraging small-scale multi-unit developments and townhomes could better support family housing needs.	CHBA-CI	Families with children represent the single largest housing need in Kamloops—of the 14,000 units projected to be built over the next 20 years, about 9,000 units (65%) need to be dedicated to housing for families. Multigenerational households are increasing, while vacancy rates for larger rentals remain critically low at just 1.8% for three-bedroom units and 1.2% for two-bedroom units. As 48% of new homes are expected to be in high-density developments which typically offer far fewer three-bedroom layouts than townhouses in Low-Rise or Mid-Rise Urban areas, there is a risk of inadequate housing for families in the future. The OCP could either require new developments to include family-friendly units or encourage the City to pursue initiatives to incentivize more family-friendly units. Staff are seeking input from the Committee of the Whole on how to proceed with this item.
Senior's Housing	Aging in place - need options for seniors' housing.	Public (North Shore)	The 2024 Housing Needs Report identifies the growing demand for senior's housing in Kamloops. The Official Community Plan 2025 update includes policies specifically aimed at supporting and encouraging a diverse range of housing options for seniors, low-income individuals and families, persons with special needs, and the unhoused population.

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	Accessibility for seniors. Need spaces to be accessible for people with disabilities. Need higher toilets for people with physical disabilities (e.g. people who have had a stroke).	Public (North Shore)	The Official Community Plan 2025 update seeks to ensure that amenities, services, and cultural and recreational opportunities are equitably available and accessible to all residents, reflecting the diverse needs, identities, and experiences within the community. Official Community Plan policy also requires adaptable design with accessible paths for all ground-level units in new multi-unit housing, following BC Building Code provisions. The OCP's North Shore Development Permit Area Guidelines encourage the design and furnishing of streetscapes to accommodate the needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Specific accessibility construction requirements (such as for toilets) are regulated by the BC Building Code and are therefore outside local government jurisdiction.
Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing	Losing neighbourhood identity. Single-family homes are being replaced by small-scale units. Increased number of vehicles parking along streets in conjunction with duplexes and small-scale multi-unit developments.	Public (Southeast)	While there are challenges associated with recent provincial housing legislation, there are also community benefits of supporting a diverse range of housing types. The OCP's Intensive Residential Development Permit Area Guidelines and zoning regulations provide direction on the design of small-scale multi-unit developments and parking management.
Pre-Approved Plans	Should have pre-approved plans at the municipal level to facilitate development.	Public (Downtown)	The suggestion for pre-approved plans at the municipal level is acknowledged and aligns with the City's goals to streamline development processes. While this is not currently in place, the City is exploring opportunities to simplify application processes by launching the digital EPermit system. Customers will be able to apply for permits at their convenience, make payments online, receive real-time status updates, and receive notifications as the permit progresses towards approval, resulting in increased transparency, better communication, and faster processing times.

Infrastructure and Servicing			
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Asset Management	Concern about transparency in the asset management process, particularly in areas targeted for infill. Risk of placing an unfair burden on developers to cover system upgrades that should fall under City's asset management.	CHBA-CI	City infrastructure projects are prioritized based on their criticality to the community and the risks of failure, with growth-related projects funded by development cost charges as per legislation. High-criticality projects, such as aging water main upgrades, are included in asset management, regardless of new development. While age and condition are the primary factors considered, known capacity issues, development potential, and market trends are also considered.
Servicing Capacity	Concern about infrastructure and servicing challenges, along with limited developable land and site-specific issues like groundwater in Aberdeen, potentially restricting infill development and overall growth if not strategically addressed.	CHBA-CI	The City recognizes that infill is a key opportunity and prioritizes it in growth and infrastructure planning (e.g. expansion of sanitary capacity through the Tranquille Sewer and City Centre Sanitary Sewer development cost charges projects.
Rayleigh - Utility Servicing	Concern about suites and water capacity. Suites are not permitted due to water capacity, and people are putting secondary and garden suites illegally. Would like to be able to build a suite, but not permitted to do so. Can anything be done to advance the reservoir upgrade or water meters?	Public (North Shore)	Concern acknowledged. The Official Community Plan focuses on growth in serviced areas. The Rayleigh Waterworks District is not a municipal organization, but the City can support the District's efforts to apply for grant funding for a reservoir or water meters.
Water Conservation	Desire for City assistance to support the installation of rain barrels and provide education.	Public (Southwest)	The City has previously provided support for the installation of rain barrels, but faced durability issues. The City is exploring other incentives to support water conservation to reduce peak demand for water usage.

Social Well-Being			
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Child Care	Suggestion to reference the Kamloops Community Child Care Planning Program in the Official Community Plan.	KAG (Interior Health)	The Official Community Plan 2025 update will include language supporting the development of child care facilities. Staff are in the process of updating the City's approach to child care planning, so prefer to keep the language high level rather than referring to a plan that may soon become outdated.
Kamloops Social Plan	Suggestion to update the Kamloops Social Plan.	KAG (Interior Health)	The City plans to develop a new Social and Community Well-Being Plan. Further information will be shared once the project scope and timeline have been established.
Equity Mapping	Interest in the use of "equity mapping" to better understand Kamloops residents' access to amenities and services and support adequate tree coverage throughout the city.	KAG (Interior Health) Public (Southwest)	The City acknowledges the value of this tool, is looking into the potential inclusion of equity mapping in the Parks Plan, and may consider it in future planning initiatives (e.g. Social Well-Being Plan, future Official Community Plan).
Community Gathering Spaces	There is a need for gathering spaces for community groups that support community well-being and are accessible.	Public (North Shore)	Community gatherings can occur in various locations, including schools, churches, and municipal facilities. The City will pursue grant opportunities to facilitate accessibility improvements for existing municipal facilities while major renovations will occur in accordance with the accessibility requirements of the BC Building Code. For new civic facilities, such as the Build Kamloops projects, the City will pursue Rick Hansen Foundation accessibility certification.

Transportation and Connectivity			
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Road Safety	Need for street calming around parks and schools, and sidewalks on Battle Street West, due to speeding.	Public (Downtown)	<p>The Downtown Development Permit Area Guidelines encourage the implementation of traffic-calming measures to ensure vehicles slow down and prioritize pedestrian safety. In 2023, Kamloops adopted the Vision Zero Strategy and Action Plan, which aims to improve road safety through traffic management. Staff are currently exploring Vision Zero pilot projects with 30 km/h local streets.</p> <p>The City also works with local schools to improve active transportation safety in the vicinity through the Safer Schools program and is pursuing related grant opportunities.</p>
	Hugh Allan and Pacific Way intersection safety concerns.	Public (Southwest)	This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. The City and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit are in the process of reviewing network capacity and safety on the Hugh Allan Drive corridor.
	Concern about gravel trucks speeding on Westsyde Road.	Public (North Shore)	This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. Gravel trucks have been operating in Westsyde to support a local road rehabilitation project. Trucks are required to comply with posted maximum speeds. The City is currently developing a truck route study.
Traffic and Transportation in Valleyview	Concern about traffic around Valleyview Secondary School.	Public (Southeast)	<p>The issue of traffic and pedestrian safety in Valleyview will be addressed by Official Community Plan policies for the Valleyview Town Centre, which support consolidating access points and improving internal circulation for all transportation modes and seek to reduce congestion on Valleyview Drive by encouraging investments that shift reliance away from single-occupancy vehicles.</p> <p>The City is in the process of updating the Transportation Master Plan for the Valleyview area in conjunction with the Official Community Plan update to plan for growth.</p>
	Concern about traffic on Valleyview Drive, especially around school hours. It is difficult for people to back out of lots on Valleyview Drive due to traffic.		
	Concern about pedestrian safety related to lack of sidewalks on local roads, including near schools.		
	Support for improved transit in Valleyview.		

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			The City addresses road safety through the Vision Zero and Safer Schools initiative (see the Road Safety topic above for more details). The City is planning a new transit exchange in Valleyview, which will support transit expansion in the area.
	Concern about the lack of sidewalks on Sunset Drive and near schools and ongoing construction, which impacts pedestrian safety and comfort.		Active transportation network in Valleyview will be addressed in the forthcoming Active Transportation Plan.
Pedestrian Network	Desire for pedestrian connectivity and improvements of existing pathways through neighbourhoods	Public (Downtown)	Future pedestrian network improvements are identified in the Transportation Master Plan currently under review as part of the Active Transportation Plan. The Official Community Plan encourages improved pedestrian connectivity in conjunction with infill development.
Road Network	Desire to see improved road infrastructure (parking and road width) before density, not afterwards.	Public (Downtown)	<p>The Official Community Plan 2025 land use designations and supporting policies are developed with consideration of existing and future road capacity, parking, and public transportation provisions. In addition, the Downtown Development Permit Area Guidelines provide streetscape and design direction for new developments within the area, helping to ensure a consistent and functional public realm.</p> <p>As many improvements occur in conjunction with new development and may be financed in part by development, it will not always be possible for road improvements to precede growth.</p>
	Support for additional bridges to the North Shore and Tkemlúps te Secwépemc lands.	Public (Downtown, Southwest)	The Official Community Plan identifies the need to replace the Red Bridge and provide a second crossing between the North Shore and Downtown. Both connections will require support from senior levels of government. The second crossing will likely be outside the Official Community Plan's 20-year growth horizon.

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Bicycle Network	Desire for a bike connection from Dallas to Valleyview.	Public (Downtown)	A future multi-use pathway connecting Dallas to Valleyview is proposed in the City's Active Transportation Plan. This pathway will be provided along a road connection between Dallas Drive and Valleyview Drive, which will be included in the Official Community Plan.
Multi-Use Pathways	Require more multi-use pathways in Downtown and the West End if there is more densification.	Public (Downtown)	Staff acknowledge the need for adequate multi-use pathways to support increasing density. The proposed Official Community Plan 2025 land use designations have been developed in alignment with the forthcoming Active Transportation Plan's recommendations for active transportation infrastructure. Additionally, the proposed Official Community Plan 2025 update policies will encourage active transportation connections in conjunction with urban densification projects.
	More pedestrian, cycling, and nature connectivity is needed.	Public (Downtown)	
Parking	Concern with cars parked on sidewalks.	Public (Southeast)	Parking on sidewalks is managed by Community Services.
	Concern about increased development with limited parking on site (not enough parking spaces or small spaces where residents have larger vehicles) around McGowan/Elm/Chestnut.	Public (Downtown)	Staff acknowledge the importance of ensuring compatibility between land use and transportation plans. The Official Community Plan 2025 policies and guidelines are developed with considerations such as promoting alternative transportation options (including improved public transit access, enhanced cycling infrastructure, and pedestrian-friendly designs) to reduce reliance on private vehicles in the downtown area. Vehicle parking will continue to be accommodated on private property and on municipal streets. As urban development continues, parking will increasingly need to be accommodated on streets.
	Concern relating to lower parking requirements for development mean more people parking on streets, traffic overflow, and on-street parking from increased development, desire for designated parking lots (Valleyview area).	Public (Southeast)	
Highway Access	Interest in seeing an additional road connection from Edinburgh Heights in Upper Aberdeen to Highway 5A.	Public (Downtown)	The Official Community Plan's transportation network map shows a connection from Edinburgh Heights to Highway 5A. Additional connectivity will not be necessary within the term of the plan.

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Emergency Access and Egress	Concern about the wait time to turn left from Howe Road to Pacific Way and the potential impacts on emergency evacuation.	Public (Southwest)	This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. The Howe Road/Pacific Way intersection is currently on the City's watch list for potential future signalization; however, the intersection does not currently warrant a signal.

Parks and Recreation			
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Recreation - Tennis	Loss of tennis courts and the need for increased maintenance of existing ones.	Public (Downtown)	This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. Some tennis courts in Riverside Park were converted to pickleball courts to accommodate community interest. The City has resurfaced tennis courts recently and will continue to do so as funding allows.
Public Washrooms	There is a need for more public washrooms and drinking fountains in Kamloops to address public health needs, particularly during extreme heat events.	KAG (Interior Health)	Proposed policies in the Official Community Plan 2025 update seek to reduce the adverse health impacts of extreme heat events on the communities, particularly vulnerable populations through support for initiatives such as installing temporary water fountains and misting stations and enhancing the urban tree canopy and permeable areas in accordance with the Extreme Heat Response Plan (2024) and to explore options to support the development, maintenance, and improved access to essential public health services, such as public washrooms, drinking fountains, and misting stations.
Trails	Maintain access and connectivity of trails.	Public (Downtown, Aberdeen, Valleyview)	The Official Community Plan supports additional park space and improvements. The current Parks Master Plan and proposed Parks Plan provide policies that support trails in parks. The Trails Master Plan provides specific details on trail connections in Valleyview. Many trails are located on private property, and while staff endeavour to secure public access to trails through the subdivision process, final trail alignment may differ from what is identified in the plan. There is not currently a plan to update the Trails Plan.
	Maintain nature trail connectivity from the west end of Bunchgrass Trail across Pacific Way behind the proposed secondary school (in Aberdeen) to connect nature trails to link Pineview Valley trails.		
	Pineview to Aberdeen trail has been blocked with recent development. Desire for access to be maintained.		
	Interest in providing a trail connection from Juniper West to Park Hill Drive.		
	Question about whether the Trails Plan will be updated.		

Parks and Recreation			
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Arena Multiplex Complex	Concern about the lack of engagement on the arena multiplex.	Public (Southwest)	The arena multiplex is still in the early stages of concept design. To date, City staff have engaged with representatives from local ice sports organizations and the Build Kamloops working groups to gather input and technical expertise to inform the overall concept. As the project advances, further engagement will be required to develop the facility design. Information on the arena multiplex is available at LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/ArenaMultiplex . Residents are encouraged to follow the project to stay informed on future engagement opportunities.
	Desire for new amenities such as the arena multiplex to be located close to the resident population base and accessible by active transportation.	Public (Southwest)	The location of the arena multiplex is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan; however, location and access are considered in evaluating new amenities. The City is looking to ensure the multiplex facility is accessible by active transportation and supports future transit access.
	Suggestion that the arena multiplex be sited in the McGowan South area, where people can walk to it or that some of the ice sheets be located in Valleyview and Brock.	Public (Southwest)	The location of the arena multiplex has been determined through the Build Kamloops process and is not subject to change.
	Comment about the need for more parking at the multiplex and Kenna Cartright Park.	Public (Southwest)	The arena multiplex project is planned to include public parking. The existing parking lot for the Kenna Cartright Park on Hillside Drive will be redeveloped as part of the arena multiplex project, with a significant net increase in parking for the area.
	Copperhead Drive/Hillside Drive interchange traffic safety concern.	Public (Southwest)	The City is conducting transportation analysis around this interchange in conjunction with the Official Community Plan 2025 update.
Indoor Recreation Space	Would like to see more indoor facilities for families, such as a wave pool and indoor sports courts.	Public (email)	The Recreation Master Plan identifies the need for a new aquatic facility that focuses on recreation-based aquatics and a need for indoor court sports. The City has included a new leisure aquatic facility and a curling and racquet sports

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			complex in the Build Kamloops program. Details are available at LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/BuildKamloops .
Waterfront Access	Desire for increased waterfront access.	Public (Southwest)	Proposed Official Community Plan policies support public access to the waterfront. Improved waterfront access is also supported by the North Shore Neighbourhood Plan.
	Concern about the impact on private property owners of requiring waterfront access. Request for clarity on how waterfront objectives will be implemented without placing unreasonable demands on private developers.	CHBA-CI	Public access to the waterfront may be secured through subdivision processes in accordance with the <i>Land Title Act</i> . Waterfront connections may also be negotiated through rezoning or subdivision approvals, where they are identified in a municipal plan and are supported by the public.

Natural Environment, Hazards, and Climate Change Related			
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Parks, Green Spaces, Natural Areas	Concern about the lack of irrigation and maintenance of the Peterson Creek Park manicured park area.	Public (Downtown)	This is outside the scope of the Official Community Plan. Irrigation for the Peterson Creek Park area was shut off during the recent utility project construction. The area will be restored to its pre-construction condition.
	Interest in seeing the protection of natural habitat during development. Concern for the natural habitat between Aberdeen and Pineview with recent development. Support for the maintenance of existing ponds, which provide a natural habitat.	Public (Southwest)	The Official Community Plan includes land use designations for Urban development and Parks and Open Space and identifies environmentally sensitive areas and riparian areas. In the southwest area, the land use designations follow mapping work done as part of the 2008 Aberdeen Area Plan. Development focuses on urban areas to protect the natural environment and drainage corridors. Development around waterways is guided by the <i>Provincial Riparian Areas Protection Regulation</i> and the <i>Water Sustainability Act</i> .
	Interest in seeing the Official Community Plan include policies and mapping regarding wildlife corridors.	Thompson-Nicola Conservation Collective	There may be an opportunity to include mapping in the Official Community Plan 2025 update or a future update.
Park Amenities	Interest in collaboration with Tourism Kamloops and other experience providers to enhance parks with amenities and infrastructure, encouraging year-round use.	KAG Tourism Kamloops	The Official Community Plan 2025 update is proposed to include language supporting collaboration for park amenities.
Proposed Aberdeen Slope Hazard and Flood Plain Development Permit Areas	There is a need for targeted engagement with the development community beyond the broader Official Community Plan update process to understand the criteria and implications.	CHBA-CI	The City is conducting targeted sessions for the proposed Aberdeen Groundwater Development Permit Area. Targeted engagement sessions were previously conducted for the Aberdeen Groundwater Development Permit Area in April 2024, with more planned in 2025. The Flood Plain Development Permit Area concept is under review and will be refined before targeted consultation is hosted.
Wildfire Hazard	Interest in seeing a wildfire development permit area with building standards, such as rooftop sprinklers.	Public (Southwest)	The Official Community Plan includes a policy requiring wildland-urban interface covenants in conjunction with new subdivisions, and the Official Community Plan 2025 update

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	Concern that FireSmart BC guidelines are onerous and cost-prohibitive for new development.	CHBA-CI	will include new policy requiring wildfire threat reduction plans in conjunction with development of lands with high wildfire risk and supporting the future creation of a wildfire risk development permit area, and will include FireSmart language in the development permit area guidelines for residential development. The language will allow the City to use discretion in applying FireSmart principles to suite local conditions.
	Desire for City assistance to help remove cedars and provide substitutes.	Public (Southwest)	The City provides FireSmart assessments to homeowners and offers assistance to homeowners in removing highly combustible vegetation.
	Concern with Pineview hillside containing unmanaged forests. Desire for more City action on thinning out (FireSmart) Pineview hills or supporting neighbourhood groups to do so.	Public (Southwest)	Managing forests on private property is challenging due to resource limitations and liability issues. The City works to ensure new subdivisions in high-risk wildfire areas are developed with a buffer required between forested areas and any buildings.
	Fire, evacuation, and timing on Aberdeen/Copperhead.	Public (Southwest)	The Official Community Plan identifies a long-term road connection between Aberdeen and Pineview. As a short-term step, the City is in the process of developing an emergency egress connection between the two neighbourhoods.
Tree Canopy and Urban Green Space	New developments should be assessed for impact on the urban tree canopy.	Public (Southwest)	Official Community Plan encourages preservation of existing trees and replacing removed trees in conjunction with new development.
	The Official Community Plan should have the tree canopy targets.	Public (Southeast), Advisory Group	Official Community Plan 2025 is proposed to reference the 20% tree canopy in the City's urban Forest Management Strategy.
	Improved shade and natural features along walkways will improve active transportation use and transit ridership.	Public (Southeast)	Acknowledged. Official Community Plan policies support the creation of greenways and are pursuing grants to provide additional trees in touch with capital projects for active transportation.

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	Lack of green space near Valleyview Town Centre.	KAG	Official Community Plan 2025 polices support the development of a new neighbourhood park in or adjacent to the Valleyview Town Centre. Land acquisition may be required.
Urban Heat Island Effects	Concern with heat island effects with increased infill development and tree loss.	KAG	Acknowledged. The Official Community Plan encourages the planting of trees in conjunction with new development.
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	What is the City doing to address greenhouse gas emissions?	Public (Downtown, Southeast)	In line with provincial legislation, the Official Community Plan includes targets on greenhouse gas emissions. In the Official Community Plan 2025 update, these targets will be updated in line with the 2021 Community Climate Action Plan, which provides direction on how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Economic Development and Tourism			
Topic	What We Heard	Source	Response
Zoning Opportunities for Economic Development	The Official Community Plan's economic development goals should be matched by practical Zoning Bylaw updates to create real development opportunities aligned with the City's vision.	CHBA-CI	The Zoning Bylaw is planned to be updated in 2026 following the adoption of the Official Community Plan.
Landmark Tourist Attractions	Interest in providing policy supporting the development of landmark attractions that drive tourism growth in parks and public places.	Tourism Kamloops	The Official Community Plan 2025 update will include language supporting the tourism sector and providing signature attractions; however, these may not necessarily be in parks and public places.
	Interest in providing policy language to fast-track iconic structure concepts developed by Tourism Kamloops.		The Official Community Plan 2025 update will include language supporting the streamlining of development approvals of regional tourism projects where they align with municipal land use and infrastructure plans.
Waterfront Development	Interest in providing policy supporting partnership with economic development agencies to determine location for waterfront neighbourhood development in alignment with livability and economic development goals.	Tourism Kamloops	The Official Community Plan 2025 update will include language to this effect.

Culture and Heritage			
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Museum, History, Public Gathering	Interest in advancing a cultural/historical facility, including a heritage park that accommodates the Kamloops Heritage Railroad and recognizes Chinese, forestry, agriculture, and transportation history in Kamloops.	Public (Downtown)	The Official Community Plan supports collaboration with the cultural community to understand and support the development of cultural infrastructure in accordance with You Are Here: Cultural Strategic Plan 2024–2034.
	Need for heritage cultural spaces and infrastructure to support tourism and economic development.		
Heritage Buildings	Support for preserving heritage homes in the West End.	Public (Southwest)	The Official Community Plan encourages the identification and, where possible, preservation of heritage resources. In cases where heritage value is recognized through the heritage recognition plaque program, heritage resources are not necessarily protected.
Agri-Fair	Interest in facilities for agricultural sports and exhibitions (winter agricultural fair).	Public (North Shore)	Acknowledged.

Indigenous Related			
Topic	What We Heard	Source	Response
Truth and Reconciliation	The current Official Community Plan lacks Reconciliation in the vision and values section.	Tkémilúps te Secwépemc Staff	The Official Community Plan 2025 will include high level reconciliation language in its updated First Nations statement and Arts and Culture policies. The 2025 Official Community Plan is not proposed to include more detailed Reconciliation language; however, it is hoped that this language will be included in the Official Community Plan 2030 once broader education has occurred on the implications of reconciliation.
Indigenous Demographics	There is a significant Urban Indigenous population within Kamloops, with over 100 tribal groups represented in the roughly 10,000 Indigenous residents. There is a need for a population study for the Indigenous population to better understand the various groups and their housing needs that are not captured in BC Stats and Statistics Canada data. A suggestion was made to look at the City of St. Catharines, Ontario's study on their indigenous population.	Urban Indigenous Housing Providers	The significant size and diversity of Kamloops' Urban Indigenous population is acknowledged. While a detailed demographic study is not possible within the time frame of the Official Community Plan 2025 update, the OCP is proposed to include Census data on the Urban Indigenous population.
Indigenous Housing Needs	Concerns with housing needs for Indigenous people in Kamloops included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of availability of affordable quality housing, with people living in poorly maintained buildings • challenges in funding models that require Indigenous communities to tie up land through 60-year leases to receive capital funding, and would like to be able to retain land 	Urban Indigenous Housing Providers	The Official Community Plan 2025 update is proposed to include policy supporting collaboration with funding agencies, other levels of government, and community organizations to support Indigenous-led non-market housing development.

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	base and support Indigenous ownership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sunsetting of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation agreements may result in the loss of hundreds of affordable housing units 		
Partnerships	It was suggested that the Official Community Plan could include language supporting partnerships between developers and Indigenous groups to support housing development, along a model of partnerships used elsewhere, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lu'ma Development Management, from Metro Vancouver - praised for their work developing affordable housing and empowering Indigenous communities • First Nations Major Project Coalition - pairs First Nations and corporations together on resource development and corporate welfare/community practices 	Urban Indigenous Housing Providers	
Homelessness Within Indigenous Community	It was noted that the City's Point-in-Time Count noted a disproportionate percentage of unhoused people identified as being Indigenous (55% of total respondents).	Urban Indigenous Housing Providers	The Official Community Plan 2025 update will include policies encouraging collaboration on Indigenous-led projects to prioritize services and support affordable housing solutions for Indigenous people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
Indigenous Engagement	Desire for more consultation and involvement with Indigenous communities in City decision making,	Urban Indigenous Housing Providers	Acknowledged. The City will continue to collaborate and engage with Tkemlúps te Secwépemc and the Urban Indigenous community.

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	and for staff and Council to better understand Indigenous concerns.		

Educational and Institutional			
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Planning for Schools	Questions were posed on how the City interacts with School District No. 73 in planning for schools and whether the Official Community Plan aligns with the School District's planning.	Public (Downtown)	Legislation requires local governments to consult the local school district when developing or amending Official Community Plans and requires Official Community Plans to identify future schools. The City meets with School District No. 73 on an ongoing basis to discuss growth trends and future school needs.
	Concern about the impacts of school of choice on greenhouse gas emissions, as people are driving from other neighborhoods for schools of choice.	Public (Downtown)	Schools of choice create a need to transport children from outside the local catchment area, regardless of where they are located.
	Comments on the desire for schools (particularly in English), which are missing in the Downtown and Sagebrush areas, particularly an elementary school catchment to accommodate the City Centre growth planned in this Official Community Plan update.	Public (Downtown, North Shore)	Future school needs in the Downtown area are uncertain since much of the new development focuses on smaller units with limited family residents. Accordingly, the Official Community Plan 2025 update will identify that a new school may be added in the future.
	Interest is seeing a school site identified in west Aberdeen.	Public (Downtown)	The Official Community Plan identifies a future high school in Aberdeen, in alignment with the School District's plans.
Columbia Precinct	Interest in planning for the area. Confusion related to housing, particularly BC Housing's plans for the Precinct, which are not perceived as being considered to fall within the	Public (Downtown), Kamloops Advisory Group	The Educational/Institutional designation of the Columbia Precinct is not proposed to be changed in this update. The Official Community Plan includes language supporting multi-unit residential and accessory commercial uses in the Columbia Precinct, in line with the 2018 Downtown Plan.

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	OCP's Educational/Institutional land use designations.		<p>Zoning of the Columbia Precinct also supports multi-unit and community facility uses.</p> <p>Specific details on BC Housing plans are outside the scope of the Official Community Plan 2025 update process.</p>

Provincial Directives - Housing Needs Report, Growth Projections			
Topic	What We Heard	Source	Response
Housing Needs Report and Housing Forecasts	Questions as to how provincial housing targets line up with the Housing Needs Report.	Public (Downtown, Southwest)	<p>A housing target is a specific numerical goal for how many housing units must be built within a defined time frame, set by the provincial government under the <i>Housing Supply Regulation</i> (2023). The five-year housing target for Kamloops, covering the period from October 2023 to September 2028, is 4,236 units, representing the minimum number of net new completed housing units required to meet the Provincial Housing Target Order.</p> <p>A Housing Needs Report, also mandated under provincial legislation, identifies current and projected housing needs, taking into account demographic trends, household incomes, tenure, housing types, and affordability. The City's Housing Need Report (2024) outlined a five-year need of 7,856 units (by 2026) and a 20-year housing need of 23,228 units (by 2041). Housing Needs Reports inform the development of housing policies in the Official Community Plan, while local governments are required to report to the province on the numbers of housing units that are actually being built each reporting period.</p>
	Question about the difference between housing need and housing demand.	Public (Southwest)	<p>The Official Community Plan 2025 update projects a population increase of approximately 30,910 over the next 20 years, based on an annual growth rate of 1.3%. To accommodate this growth, an estimated 14,000 additional housing units (referred to as housing demand) will be required. Housing need goes beyond the demand generated by population growth and includes five additional social components: reducing homelessness, addressing extreme core housing need, supporting suppressed household formation, meeting the demand for rental housing, and responding to local housing needs</p>

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	Question relating to the OCP's housing unit projection for the Dufferin neighbourhood.	Public (Southwest)	For all neighbourhoods, the anticipated distribution of housing growth is based on an analysis of historical building permit trends, existing zoning and proposed residential densities, the potential for infill redevelopment on underutilized lands, and active or pending development applications.
	Question about how housing unit projection numbers were derived, such as 20 high-density units in the Sagebrush neighbourhood.	Public (Downtown)	High-density development in the Sagebrush neighbourhood, defined as apartment buildings of five or more storeys, is projected to occur along Columbia Street which comprises part of Sagebrush.
	Do we account for illegal suites in our growth planning?	Public (North Shore)	Growth planning includes estimates of small-scale multi-unit housing growth within infill neighbourhood developments, including suites, regardless of whether the units are legal or illegal. However, all new developments are required to obtain a building permit.
Growth Factors	Comment on the Highland Valley mine expansion and extension, which will increase demand for housing in Kamloops, as most workers live here.	Public (North Shore)	The population growth rate is a mixed index that implicitly combines several factors to reflect overall population dynamics, including births, deaths, and migration into and out of the city. The projected housing demand of 14,000 units in the Official Community Plan 2025 update is based on the average historical population growth rate, along with consideration of proposed incentives that could influence future growth, such as new land use designations and up-zoning for small-scale multi-unit housing.
Terminology	Clarification on terminology (e.g. suppressed household formation).	Public (Downtown)	<p>Households in extreme core housing need refer to households spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs, meaning their housing is very unaffordable.</p> <p>Housing need for suppressed household formation refers to housing needed for people who want to form their own households but cannot due to a lack of housing or affordability.</p>

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			<p>Housing need to meet at least 3% vacancy rate: a healthy housing market keeps some empty homes (about 3%) to allow mobility and choice. This number shows the units needed to maintain that vacancy.</p> <p>Housing need to meet local demand refers to the units needed to meet the specific preferences of local residents. It includes factors like changing household types or lifestyle choices, such as seniors wanting to downsize or families needing larger, family-friendly homes.</p>

Miscellaneous Comments			
Topic	What We Heard	Source	Response
Relationships between OCP and other City of Kamloops Plans	Concern about inconsistency between the OCP and other City planning documents.	KAG Public (Downtown)	<p>The Official Community Plan 2025 update process included extensive collaboration across City departments to ensure alignment of policies and priorities. Maps and policies in the Official Community Plan 2025 update were informed by internal meetings and cross-departmental discussions to promote integrated planning.</p> <p>Additionally, the Official Community Plan references and incorporates guidance from a range of existing City plans, such as the Community Climate Action Plan, the Parks Plan, and the Active Transportation Plan, where applicable, to support consistency and reinforce a shared direction for growth.</p>
Summary Document	Recommendation to have a summary board for the public.	Public (Downtown)	Staff can produce a summary board for public viewing at future events and online.
Kamloops Advisory Committee	Interest in knowing the Kamloops Advisory group composition.	Public (Southwest)	<p>The KAMPLAN Advisory Group consists of members from key segments of the community most affected by land use planning. The group includes representatives from each of the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development industry • environmental and/or sustainability • social and/or health • business sector • Tkemlúps te Secwépemc Council and/or staff <p>Details on KAMPLAN Advisory Group members are available on https://www.kamloops.ca/our-community/get-involved/engagement-groups</p>