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The North Shore Neighbourhood Plan was initiated by the Development and Engineering Services Department in February 2005 to provide a comprehensive land use plan to direct and guide the growth and evolution of the North Shore over the next five to ten years. Previous to this Plan, several smaller revitalization and land use plans had been prepared but nothing on a scale that encompassed the whole of the North Shore, nor that collectively addressed issues related to density, design, transportation, land uses and future development scenarios. Through the processing and preparation of the North Shore Neighbourhood Plan, several major goals surfaced as key elements to focus on and direct policy to, including:

- increasing density within key areas of the North Shore, specifically along the Tranquille Commercial District and within the North Shore Towne Centre;
- raising the profile of the North Shore and supporting redevelopment and development opportunities;
- setting a new benchmark for development within the City of Kamloops that focuses on sustainability, urban design and environmental responsibility; and
- identifying new ways to support and encourage complex development by creating new incentive initiatives and by establishing performance-based development guidelines and zoning regulations.

The North Shore Neighbourhood Plan is broken up into four main sections: General Policies, Land Use Policies, Implementation and supporting Appendices.

The General Policies Section was established to apply to the whole of the North Shore and focus on providing policy direction related to Growth Management, Community Improvements, Form and Identity, Heritage Conservation, Public Safety, Transportation, Utilities, Recreation and Environmentally Responsible Development.

The Land Use Policies Section is divided up into seventeen distinct areas and focuses policy more specific to the issues, capacities and future direction for each area.

The Implementation Section focuses on how the Plan can be executed and sets out the incentives that were established to help development take place on the North Shore. Implementation of policies within this Plan is intended to span approximately five to ten years. For some of these policies, additional studies, analysis, planning processes and approvals from City Council will be needed prior to determining their feasibility and appropriateness for the community and for the operations of the City.

The supporting Appendices, of which there are six, are intended to provide additional information and assistance to the Plan through the use of Development Permit Guidelines, a Development Checklist, a list of all Capital Projects and Action Item Priorities, a new Zoning By-law that directly supports and implements the policies in the Plan, an example of how to use Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in development, and a Procedures Guide to help direct the community through the development process.

The North Shore Neighbourhood Plan strives to provide innovative solutions to the types of issues that any urban environment grapples with. This Plan is intended to support the unique environment that makes up all of the neighbourhoods within the North Shore and was prepared with a high level of community input and support. The North Shore Neighbourhood Plan represents a new benchmark for high quality, sustainable and community-appropriate development, not only for the North Shore but for the entire city of Kamloops and is supported through the use of innovative features such as a Development Checklist, a Development Incentives Matrix and performance-based zoning. These three implementation techniques place Kamloops in a leading role in supporting the development community to achieve environmentally sustainable and community-oriented development.