

## SECTION IV: QUALITY OF LIFE

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The residents of Kamloops are blessed with a multitude of sports and cultural facilities which greatly enhance our quality of life. We have 82 parks, including the 749 ha Kenna Cartwright natural park, the McArthur Island Sports Complex, and the Hillside Stadium/Canada Games Pool at the Thompson Rivers University, as well as Sport Mart Place, home of the Kamloops Blazers. On the arts scene, we have the nationally recognized Kamloops Art Gallery, two theatres (Sagebrush, Pavilion) which play host to the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra and the Western Canada Theatre, plus numerous community-based arts organizations. In addition, Kamloops is a mecca for mountain bikers and is the gateway to Sun Peaks, one of the top ski resorts in North America.

In 2001, the City branded itself the "Tournament Capital of Canada" (TCC) to build on the success of our Tournament Capital of BC program in athlete development, sports tourism promotion, and economic development. The City hosted 105 tournaments in 2003, which accounted for 22,940 visitors, 66,743 participant days, and an estimated \$8.3 million in spending going into the local economy. 2003 was declared "The Year of the Tournament".

In November 2003, City residents approved a referendum on the Tournament Capital of Canada Facility Expansion Program which will upgrade facilities at both the McArthur Island Sports Centre and the Hillside Stadium/Canada Games Pool complex (estimated cost \$37.6 million over the next five years).

The upgrades on McArthur Island include:

- soccer centre - reconstructing six fields plus a tournament field with bleachers and a tournament centre;
- baseball centre - consisting of 12 diamonds and a full renovation of Norbrock Stadium;
- sports centre - including a second ice surface (Olympic size), renovations to the curling rink, and trade show/convention space; and
- park enhancements - including increased parking and improved signage.

The new facilities at Hillside Stadium will include:

### Facilities

**82 parks**  
**39 tennis courts**  
**25 ball diamonds**  
**16 soccer pitches**  
**10 golf courses in the area**  
**10 fitness centres**  
**5 arenas**  
**4 racquet sports facilities**  
**3 indoor pools**  
**2 theatres**  
**2 curling rinks**  
**2 outdoor pools**  
**2 beaches**  
**2 lawn bowling greens**  
**2 skateboard parks**

- athletics/gymnastics field house - including a 200 m indoor track built to international standards; a multi-function gymnasium with three basketball/volleyball courts, moveable partitions, and seating for 2,500; over 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> of gymnastics space; and lease space for retail, fitness club, food court, and/or sports medicine; and
- Hillside Stadium upgrades - including a resurfaced and relocated track, artificial infield surface, upgraded bleachers, and additional parking; and two soccer fields with reconstructed grass.

The *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* sets the overall direction for many services provided by the City of Kamloops to enhance the quality of life for all residents. The plan includes detailed policies for eight functional areas:

- Tournament Capital of Canada,
- parks and natural areas,
- recreation facilities,
- programs and activities,
- arts and culture,
- social planning,
- cemeteries, and
- parks and recreation delivery system.

This plan will be supplemented by a *Cultural Strategic Plan (2003)*, which provides more detailed direction for the City's support of heritage preservation, cultural presentation, cultural tourism and marketing, and cultural infrastructure.

The City has developed the following goals and policy statements in response to quality of life issues.

## 1.0 PARKS AND RECREATION

### GOALS

- To ensure that all citizens of Kamloops have adequate opportunities for personal growth in their leisure, thereby enriching the life of individuals and the community.
- To protect, preserve and enhance the environment for the enrichment of the community and the enjoyment of all people.
- To ensure that public parkland of all types is distributed throughout the community in an equitable manner to meet the community's needs.
- To develop and maintain an aesthetically appealing environment.
- To support the development of a strong community image.

**Parks and Recreation Policies**

- 1.1 The *Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2003)* will serve as a general guide for future parkland acquisition and facility development. The plan will be updated and revised in accordance with changing demographics, patterns of development, and user needs.
- 1.2 Construct \$37.6 million in new athletic facilities on McArthur Island and at Hillside Stadium/Canada Games Pool as part of the Tournament Capital of Canada Facility Expansion Project.
- 1.3 Aggressively promote the Tournament Capital of Canada strategy as a mechanism to enhance the quality of life for all Kamloops residents.
- 1.4 The City will provide recreation and park facilities and programs at a cost that is affordable to users and taxpayers.
- 1.5 The City will ensure art, cultural, athletic, and other recreation services are accessible to all citizens.
- 1.6 The City will identify prevailing demographic and leisure trends and ensure that these are met through the provision of leadership, facilities, and programs.
- 1.7 The City will encourage and facilitate the provision of recreation opportunities by sports groups, service clubs, cultural groups, and other community organizations.
- 1.8 The City, subject to the availability of resources, will continue to provide financial and, where necessary, administrative and management support for a variety of major sports and cultural facilities, including the following:
  - Canada Games Aquatic Centre,
  - Westsyde/Community "Y" indoor pools,
  - Brocklehurst and McDonald Park outdoor pools,
  - Museum/Archives,
  - Art Gallery,
  - Sagebrush/Pavilion Theatres,
  - Wildlife Park, and
  - Arenas (Memorial, Sports Centre, Brocklehurst, Valleyview, Sport Mart Place).

1.9 Six categories of parkland are designated and recognized in this plan:

- **City-wide parks,**
- **district parks,**
- **neighbourhood parks,**
- **tot lots,**
- **natural areas,** and
- **biking/walking trails.**

Map 2, Parks and Schools, designates the approximate location of existing and proposed parks in these categories. Map 2 also identifies the approximate location of trails, parks, and natural areas that should be protected or preserved prior to the onset of future development.

1.10 **City-wide parks** are so designated by reason of their size, the scope of recreation facilities, uniqueness, and/or environmental characteristics which make them attractive to the entire community. Improvements to and expansion of City-wide parks should be a priority, with special attention given to the acquisition of riverfront property to extend the "riverfront park system" along the North and South Thompson Rivers.

1.10.1 The *Kamloops Rivers Plan (1988)* and *Millennium Rivers Trail (2000)* outline a long-term comprehensive development concept for the City's riverfront land on a joint basis with the Kamloops Indian Band. The City will seek to re-establish its partnership with the Kamloops Indian Band in order to achieve the future development of the Rivers Trail.

#### City-wide Parks

McArthur Island  
Riverside Park  
Pioneer Park  
Exhibition Park  
Memorial Hill Park  
Gaglandi Square

1.11 **District parks** include open space developed for recreation purposes which provide for passive recreation and active facilities of a more intense nature than a neighbourhood park, including senior and competitive level sports and activities on a year-round, day and evening basis.

1.11.1 The acquisition of lands necessary for the future development of district parks may be independent of a secondary school site, although planning for joint use school site/park development should be considered at the time of acquisition.

1.11.2 The minimum size for district parks should be:

- 6 ha to 16 ha ideally as level land, or
- 12 ha with 8 ha of usable land when developed in conjunction with a secondary school.

#### District Parks

Brocklehurst  
Albert McGowan  
Rae-Mor  
Pacific Way  
Centennial Park

1.12 **Neighbourhood parks** include open space which is developed and used for neighbourhood recreation purposes, including:

- playgrounds,
- passive landscaped parks, and
- athletic and playing fields.

1.12.1 The joint development of neighbourhood parks and elementary schools is encouraged.

1.12.2 The minimum size for a neighbourhood park should be:

- 2.0 ha of level land, or
- 4.0 ha with 2.8 ha of usable land when developed in conjunction with an elementary school.

1.12.3 The City should review the value of existing tot lots (small playground areas) in older, well established neighbourhoods in order to determine whether or not the parkland should be retained, redeveloped for other recreation or community uses, or sold.

1.12.4 In areas where a substantial amount of infilling is anticipated, neighbourhood park sites should be provided, with priority for sites adjacent to existing park or school grounds.

1.13 **Natural areas** include lands which are:

- of a unique environmental nature and require special planning prior to their being opened to any public usage;
- of an environmentally sensitive nature which may limit their development potential for urban uses, including passive recreation; and
- of archaeological or historical value and may contain heritage sites.
- of biological diversity and special ecosystems inclusive of grassland areas.

The City will continue to implement the recommendations of the *Kenna Cartwright Park Master Plan (1999)* and the *Peterson Creek Master Plan (2000)*.

Expansion of natural areas should be a priority, with special attention given to the acquisition or dedication of large-scale, unique natural areas such as the Valleyview benchlands, Coal Hill in Aberdeen, and a proposed addition to the Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park.

The general land use map (1) designates parkland and open space which is City and Crown Land. It also shows private open space which is not for public use. These two areas are noted as it is the City's intent to have these areas as undeveloped because of the unique landscape features and non-developable soils.

- 1.14 **Biking/walking trails** are developed or natural pathways linking neighbourhoods, connecting existing parks, or serving to preserve or protect important corridors in the City.

The City will continue to implement the recommendations of the *Bicycle Master Plan (2002)*, the *Pedestrian Master Plan (2002)*, and the *Millennium Rivers Trail (2000)* to create an integrated City-wide trail network.

Where feasible, new multi-use trails (pedestrian and bicycle) will be encouraged throughout the City in order to provide recreation alternatives and to connect areas of the City. In particular, consideration should be given to linking neighbourhood parks with district parks, natural areas, and City-wide parks through a continuous trail system using open space, corridors, ravines, gulleys, and walkways.

- 1.14.1 A safe pedestrian/bicycle route through the Valleyview interchange (estimated cost \$1.8 million) should be aggressively pursued in co-operation with the Ministry of Transportation and ICBC through the Safer City program.
- 1.14.2 When committees are created to develop bike and walking trails, the Ministry of Transportation recommends a representative from the Southern Interior Transportation Region and one from the Thompson Nicola Transportation District be involved on the committees.
- 1.15 The City will work with the mountain biking community and adjacent community associations to develop a mountain bike park between the Juniper and Valleyview neighbourhoods.
- 1.16 Private lands designated as parkland and open space are not prohibited from alternative forms of development by reason of that designation. The purpose of the designation is to identify lands which, for the term of this plan, are expected to be used and maintained as parks, recreation and open space areas, or as major land extensive private recreation areas.
- 1.17 Private golf courses serve a valuable function not only as private recreation facilities, but as urban open space. Resort residential development may be considered as an appropriate ancillary use in conjunction with golf courses, subject to the following criteria:

- availability of servicing,
  - scale/intensity of development,
  - access, and
  - consistency with the City's overall growth management strategy.
- 1.17.1 The Eagle Point Golf Course may develop into a destination resort within the time frame of this plan.
- 1.18 Conceptual development plans for future parks should be prepared in conjunction with local residents, potential user groups, local naturalists and, where appropriate, senior levels of government to ensure that the diverse needs of the community are adequately addressed.
- 1.19 At the time subdivision takes place, the City may take five percent of the subdivided land for future park development or take the cash equivalent of the five percent parkland dedication in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. The decision between land or cash in lieu and criteria for selection will be based on the following:
- Where the subdivision takes place in proximity to a designated neighbourhood park, district park, city-wide park, natural area, or biking/walking trail (as shown on Map 3) and contains land required to complete the park, land may be taken as dedication.
  - Where a subdivision is removed from the location of a designated park, cash in lieu of parkland may be required of the developer unless the developer owns or has the opportunity to purchase land in proximity to a designated park, in which case the land required to complete the park may be taken as dedication.
  - Ravines and areas of steep slope are important natural components that add to the biodiversity of a local ecosystem. These lands are not suitable for development. At the time of subdivision, the City may, at its discretion, designate these lands as open space under the Subdivision Control By-law or take such lands as a portion of the five percent parkland dedication.
  - The silt bluffs between Valleyview, Juniper, and Barnhartvale are hazard lands subject to Development Permit guidelines.
  - Parcels of less than 0.4 ha may not be accepted for park dedication unless the land will form an integral part of a designated park.
  - The priority for parkland dedication or acquisition will be city-wide park, district park, neighbourhood park, natural areas, and biking/walking trail.

- Funds acquired in lieu of parkland dedication may be used to acquire land for designated parks. Funds acquired can also be used to improve or develop these categories of parks.
- 1.19.1 Where the City's Development Cost Charge By-law provides for a charge to acquire or improve/develop parkland, the by-law shall identify the category of parkland, refer to a specific park location for which the charge is being collected, and the capital cost for which the charge is to be collected. Where parkland dedication or cash in lieu is also required for the same park identified in the Development Cost Charge By-law, the developer shall provide the greater of the two charges (the development cost charge or the parkland dedication).
- 1.19.2 The funds collected through development cost charges may be used for fencing, landscaping, signage, public art, benches, drainage and irrigation, trails, restrooms and changing rooms, and playground/playing field equipment.
- 1.20 Where smaller landscaped spaces are considered to be desirable elements of a development, neighbourhood or commercial area, local landowners will be encouraged to construct and maintain these areas as "community projects" for the benefit of the local area. Priority areas for enhanced landscaping include:
- the Tranquille Road corridor from the airport to Crestline Road,
  - the south side of Fortune Drive between 8th Street and Sydney Avenue,
  - the intersection of Fortune Drive and Leigh Road/Fort Avenue, and
  - the Valleyview corridor along the Trans Canada Highway between Tanager Road and Comazzetto Road.
- 1.21 Outline plans should be prepared for all new development areas in order to determine parkland and school requirements and to identify specific sites. These plans should also identify the appropriate mechanism to acquire identified parks.
- 1.22 The City will identify additional land (approximately 15 ac.) within the term of this plan that will provide for the future cemetery and burial needs of the community at such time as the existing Hillside Cemetery is at capacity. The preferred location for a future cemetery is a portion of the City-owned land at the west end of McGill Road. Its close proximity to Hillside Cemetery will ensure operational costs are minimized.

## 2.0 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### GOALS

- To ensure that community and social services are available to meet the needs of existing and future residents.
- To designate sufficient land to accommodate the needs of community and social service facilities.
- To maintain existing service levels, improve where feasible, and encourage maximum utilization of existing service systems prior to expansion.
- To encourage sensitive integration of small-scale care facilities within neighbourhoods.
- To support the senior governments' primary role in the delivery of health care, affordable housing, and social support services.

### Community Facilities Policies

- 2.1 Major community facilities and institutions are designated generally on Map 1 and include the following:
- schools,
  - Thompson Rivers University,
  - Royal Inland Hospital,
  - major community care facilities,
  - Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre,
  - federal and provincial government facilities,
  - airport, and
  - municipal facilities.
- 2.2 The City will encourage and facilitate the provision of community and social services and facilities through co-operation, liaison and, where appropriate, joint provision and participation. The City will not significantly expand its role in the direct provision of community and social services for the term of this plan.
- 2.3 School District No. 73 has experienced declining enrollment throughout the district and recently closed two schools in Kamloops. This trend is expected to continue as household size decreases and the population ages.
- 2.3.1 A new elementary school may be necessary in Juniper prior to the 100,000 population horizon. No site has been identified to date and should be considered as development of Juniper West proceeds. The school should be developed in accordance with the joint elementary school/neighbourhood park concept.

- 2.3.2 No new secondary schools are anticipated within the term of this plan.
- 2.3.3 Given that significant growth is not anticipated in either the Crestline Avenue area of Brocklehurst or in Dallas, the School District should be approached regarding the potential use of the vacant designated school sites for other alternative forms of development (housing, parks/public use, community use).
- 2.3.4 Schools that may close due to declining enrollment should remain available for redevelopment to serve other community uses. The City should continue to pursue opportunities for co-operation with the School District in the provision of facilities for residential, community, or social services.
- 2.3.5 The City supports the Community Schools concept and will encourage the School District and the appropriate provincial government ministry to increase the number of schools and neighbourhoods benefiting from the program.
- 2.4 Royal Inland Hospital will continue to expand as a regional referral centre as population growth warrants or new programs are developed or expanded. Sufficient land has been designated, as shown on Map 1, to accommodate future expansion needs.
- 2.5 The demand for extended, intermediate, and specialized care facilities will continue to increase as the community's population ages and as the provincial government continues its policy of deinstitutionalization. Sufficient land has been designated to accommodate the future expansion plans of these facilities for at least the term of this plan.
- 2.5.1 The City will continue to encourage the integration of smaller care facilities such as group homes and child daycare within existing and planned residential neighbourhoods. These facilities will be limited in size to reduce the potential impact on the neighbourhood. Where new community care facilities are proposed and they require a change in zoning or are not permitted, the City will evaluate the proposal based on the following criteria:
- community consultation;
  - level/availability of servicing;
  - access to transit/transportation;
  - access to amenities (community shopping, parks, services, facilities, clinics, etc.);
  - scale/intensity appropriate to neighbourhood; and
  - proximity to facilities or uses of a similar nature.

- 2.6 Major government administration offices will be encouraged to locate or remain in the City Centre to take advantage of the linkages between civic offices, the RCMP, Courthouse and Land Title Office, and major financial and legal offices. Government facilities which require extensive land for storage of materials, heavy equipment, or which have research and development activities associated with the operation will be encouraged to locate in Southgate Industrial Park.

The Government Precinct area of the City Centre has the potential to change within the term of this plan. Should the existing government administrative offices, in particular Forestry and Transportation and Highways, relocate to the Dalhousie Drive and McGill Road area of the Southgate Industrial Park, redevelopment of the precinct area to medium- and high-density multiple family housing would be appropriate, along with some related retail/service/office commercial.

- 2.7 Aggressively support the retention of senior government functions to maintain and enhance Kamloops' role as a regional government centre.
- 2.8 The City supports the Kamloops Museum and Archives, the Kamloops Art Gallery, the Western Canada Theatre, and the TNRD Library as they endeavour to provide a wide range of informational/educational/cultural services to the community.

### 3.0 HERITAGE

Since 1979, the City of Kamloops has actively encouraged the preservation of valuable heritage buildings and sites. That year, the City established the Kamloops Heritage Advisory Committee, now called the Kamloops Heritage Commission, to advise Council on matters pertaining to heritage. While some important heritage structures have been demolished since then, awareness of the importance of heritage buildings has grown considerably. There is now a substantial inventory of residential, commercial, and public structures that have been recognized as significant heritage resources.

Buildings and property that are officially designated by by-law must maintain certain standards of appearance and maintenance in order to protect their heritage value. Designation, heritage covenants, and heritage revitalization agreements provide legal, permanent protection of heritage resources. Ten buildings in Kamloops are legally protected heritage resources, including:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Original Owner/Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
118 Victoria Street	Bank of Commerce	1904
7 Seymour Street West	Court House	1909
245 St. Paul Street	Stuart Wood School	1907
5225 Yellowhead Highway	Seven-O-Ranch	1867

<u>Address</u>	<u>Original Owner/Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
850 Lombard Street	Chinese Cemetery	1887
Columbia Street West	McIntosh Memorial	1932
961 Lorne Street	Sheep Breeders Building	1929
159 Seymour Street	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	1887
500 Lorne Street	CNR Station	1926
405 Victoria Street	Plaza Hotel	1926

Heritage recognition, as opposed to designation, is a voluntary conservation program undertaken by the Kamloops Heritage Commission. It has no legal restrictions on construction materials or additions. In order to receive heritage recognition, however, the building must substantially retain its original appearance. There are currently over 55 properties which have received a heritage recognition plaque. The list of properties can be obtained from the Development and Engineering Services Department. Additional buildings and resources are expected to receive plaques as new applications are received from property owners.

Another mechanism to protect heritage resources is a Heritage Registry which will be developed by the City and the Kamloops Heritage Commission over the next five years. Properties in Kamloops will be evaluated to determine their historic significance. The Registry does not provide official protection of a site; however, it does provide City Council with additional protection measures for heritage properties as identified in the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

The City of Kamloops, through legislation established under the *Heritage Conservation Act* and the *Local Government Act*, is offering a Tax Incentive Program (TIP) to property owners to assist with the costs of preservation, restoration, and/or rehabilitation of an eligible Heritage Resource within the City of Kamloops. The Tax Incentive Program has evaluation criteria.

A Historic Buildings Inventory is also being developed to identify resources that have historical value.

Among recent accomplishments within the heritage field are the heritage protection for the CNR Station and the Plaza Hotel under Heritage Revitalization Agreements and relocation of the Wilson Street House to 115 Tranquille Road. In future, the Development and Engineering Services Department will work towards the creation and implementation of a heritage management plan.

The Kamloops Heritage Commission is working on several projects including the Heritage Recognition Plaque Program, hosting the annual heritage achievement awards reception, development of a heritage open house to coincide with Heritage Week, promoting Kamloops heritage through the use of publications and printed material, and working towards a public art program based on historic events, themes, or people such as the Overlanders statue in front of City Hall.

## GOAL

- To preserve, enhance and promote the community's cultural heritage for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

### Heritage Policies

- 3.1 The City will identify and conserve the community's cultural heritage through designation, recognition plaques, completing a Heritage Registry, and installing public art reflecting historically significant Kamloops events, themes, and residents.
- 3.2 The City will place \$20,000 per year in a Heritage Conservation Reserve Fund. City Council may use these funds to preserve, maintain, enhance, educate, and purchase the City's historic places. The Kamloops Heritage Commission will develop guidelines on how funds will be allocated. These guidelines will be adopted by City Council.
- 3.3 The City will initiate a Heritage Statue program by commissioning a statue each year for ten years. These statues will commemorate famous Kamloops residents or significant cultural and historical events from the City's history.
- 3.4 The City will continue to recognize historically significant heritage resources that should be preserved for the benefit of future generations through the Heritage Recognition Plaque program.
- 3.5 The City will work with the Kamloops Heritage Commission and other groups to develop a *Heritage Strategic Plan*. The aim of the plan will be to:
  - review and update the heritage resources inventory,
  - review the management of heritage resources and provide policy recommendations to the City which will guide the City's approach to heritage preservation, and
  - recommend to the City the best use of the tools provided for by Part 27 of the *Local Government Act*, including the possible creation of heritage conservation areas in the West End, downtown east, and South Shore neighbourhoods.
- 3.6 The City will, wherever possible, preserve heritage buildings in their original location. Where this is not possible and as a last resort, the City will encourage relocation and restoration in an appropriate alternative site.
- 3.7 The City will assist the Kamloops Heritage Commission on collaborating with cultural and heritage organizations in Kamloops to continue fostering open communications.

- 3.8 The City will retain the Tax Incentive Program and consider ways to promote and publicize this program.
- 3.9 The City and Kamloops Heritage Commission will pursue heritage education opportunities for all ages.
- 4.0 The City will support in principle the construction of a heritage railway museum in order to reclaim the cultural railway history of Kamloops and the surrounding region.

## 4.0 POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

### GOAL

- To provide and maintain police and fire protection service levels in accordance with the growing and changing needs of the community.

### Police and Fire Protection Policies

- 4.1 The City will apply CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles where possible through RCMP involvement in development site design.
- 4.2 The City supports the community policing concept and will encourage the continued use and expansion of this program.
- 4.3 Conduct a needs assessment on a regular basis to identify current policing and crime issues and potential strategies to address them.
- 4.4 The City currently operates six fire stations:
  - South Shore,
  - North Shore,
  - Valleyview,
  - Westsyde (combination career/on call),
  - Rayleigh/Heffley Creek (on call), and
  - Dallas/Barnhartvale (on call).
- 4.5 The City will explore the benefits of adjusting building requirements and development standards with the goal of improving fire protection and lowering response times. This includes:
  - monitoring growth in the Southwest Sector and considering construction of a new station in Aberdeen at such time as demand warrants;

- exploring the option of mandatory sprinkling for all new residential development in outlying, unprotected areas and for all new multiple family and commercial development; and
  - providing emergency access routes in consultation with Fire & Rescue Services for residential developments where access is limited to one location.
- 4.6 The City will provide fire and rescue protection in relation to evolving needs. The *Fire Department Strategic Plan (1994)* will serve as a guide in determining future resource and facility planning.

## 5.0 SOCIAL PLANNING

### GOALS

- To encourage and assist in the development of social action strategies that strengthen and enhance the well-being of our community.
- To recognize the City's limited revenue base when determining an appropriate level of involvement in addressing social issues.
- To recognize that senior levels of government have the primary responsibility for social services planning and programming.

### Social Planning Policies

- 5.1 The City will encourage and facilitate the provision of community and social services and facilities through co-operation, liaison and, where appropriate, joint provision and participation. The City will not significantly expand its role in the direct provision of community and social services for the term of this plan.
- 5.2 The City, in co-operation with the Kamloops Social Planning Council, will review and revise the *Social Plan (1993)* to ensure that it continues to address social needs, social well-being, and social development of the community.

The following specific actions are identified in the *Social Plan (1993)*:

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- 5.2.1 The City will ensure that its cultural and recreation programs and facilities are available to meet the needs of as many people as possible.
- 5.2.2 The City will continue to work with community residents and neighbourhood associations to increase the sense of community and co-operation in its neighbourhoods.

- 5.2.3 The City will encourage the identification and implementation of methods to reduce violence in public spaces and its neighbourhoods.
- 5.2.4 The City will continue to manage its community resources (land, water, air, and infrastructure) to reduce the negative impacts of growth and urban sprawl.
- 5.2.5 The City will encourage grass-roots direction to community health and social service providers to ensure that the community's needs are met.
- 5.2.6 Consider the use of City parks, school yards, rights-of-way, surplus properties, and redevelopment parcels at least in part for food production and distribution.
- 5.2.7 Encourage initiatives aimed at local food self-reliance such as community kitchens and community gardens.
- 5.2.8 Promote the City's achievements in areas of food policy and security.

Education

- 5.2.9 The City will, in conjunction with the School District, identify initiatives that encourage youth to stay in school.
- 5.2.10 Continue to promote agriculture in all schools, with emphasis on food production in the local region and school gardens to train children in growing skills and provide food for school meals.
- 5.2.11 Continue to provide nutrition and food preparation courses, with emphasis on the importance of a sound diet and environmentally friendly growing, including "Food Safe" as elements of school curricula.

Children and Youth

- 5.2.12 The City will provide locations and activities for children and youth, including:
  - provide City facilities where children and youth can meet on an informal basis;
  - identify opportunities where children and youth can participate in community functions and organizations;

- continue to review its programming and facilities to establish or increase the number of corporate sponsored youth and teen events;
- T.K.O. (Teens of Kamloops Organization) provides an avenue for youth to express concerns, exchange ideas, and arrive at solutions for youth related issues; and
- coordinate efforts of youth-specific agencies to address the many needs of youth, such as education, employment, housing, health, and life skills.

5.2.14 Encourage the provision of healthy school meals, snacks, and beverages in all School District No. 73 schools.

#### Employment

5.2.15 The City will, in conjunction with the appropriate senior levels of government, encourage employment training for youth and the unemployed or underemployed.

5.2.16 The City will continue its review of the Zoning By-law with the intent of identifying opportunities for inclusionary zoning for daycares and group homes as permitted uses.

5.2.17 Promote the development of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses that improve access to locally produced, affordable, and nutritious food. This could be done in partnership with business improvement associations, Community Futures, and Venture Kamloops.

#### Health

5.2.18 The City will liaise with the Interior Health Authority and social service providers to investigate opportunities to improve program coordination and to enable agencies to meet on a regular basis to continue co-operation and collaboration.

5.2.19 Recognize the Kamloops Food Policy Council as the lead agency in the development of food policies.

5.2.20 Kamloops Food Policy Council partner with the Interior Health Authority to encourage residents to undertake food security strategies.

Housing

- 5.2.21 The City will assist in determining the needs and demands for affordable housing in the community.
- 5.2.22 The City will continue to encourage affordable housing through its policies and by-laws.
- 5.2.23 The City will undertake means to increase public awareness for the need to maintain the supply of affordable housing.
- 5.2.24 The City will continue to encourage a mix of housing types within each neighbourhood to accommodate a broad range of housing needs, incomes, and lifestyles.
- 5.2.25 The City will continue to communicate to senior levels of government local priorities in relation to the provision of affordable housing and the importance of senior government funding programs to provide such housing.