

DOWNTOWN PLAN

Review and Update

The Review and Update Process

In April 2018, Kamloops City Council formally adopted an update to KAMPLAN, the city's Official Community Plan (OCP), which provides direction to guide planning and land use management within the jurisdiction of the city.

One of the actions emerging from the OCP is an update to City Centre Plan 2005. The updated City Centre Plan will be re-branded as the Downtown Plan and will provide direction to guide planning and manage land use for the Downtown, Sagebrush, and West End neighbourhoods. The planning process will involve gathering key demographic and background information, identifying issues and a vision for the Downtown via public and stakeholder outreach, and developing a draft plan based on community input that will provide policy direction to achieve the vision.

PHASE 1
BACKGROUND RESEARCH
AND BASELINE

February – April 2018

PHASE 2
VISIONING, ISSUES, AND
ASSETS ANALYSIS

May – July 2018

PHASE 3
OPTIONS ASSESSMENT,
FEEDBACK, AND DRAFT PLAN

August – (Plan Adoption 2019)

What is the purpose of the plan?

The Downtown Plan will provide a framework to guide planning and land use management for the plan area over a 20-year time frame. The plan will offer detailed guidance on the location and types of housing, shops, offices, and other land uses envisioned for the area, and will provide guidance on what the buildings and private and public spaces should look like.

The plan will also provide direction on what parks; community facilities; plazas and public space; and the future road, transit, and active transportation networks within the plan area will look like, and identify the issues and opportunities that are important to the people who live, work, and visit in the Downtown.



Community Engagement

The Downtown Plan will be prepared based on community input. Throughout the process, the City will engage residents using a variety of activities such as information booths, open houses, surveys, and pop-up events where we come to you!

Who is involved?

The engagement process for the Downtown Plan will include collaboration with various City departments, City Council, key stakeholders, community residents, government agencies, and Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc. An advisory committee for the project features representatives from a range of stakeholder organizations, including business groups, neighbourhood associations, social service organizations, and the City's Heritage Commission.



BACKGROUNDER

More Information

Visit www.kamloops.ca/downtownplan to complete a survey, view engagement dates, and learn more about the process.

Comments and questions
can be emailed to
letstalkdowntown@kamloops.ca.

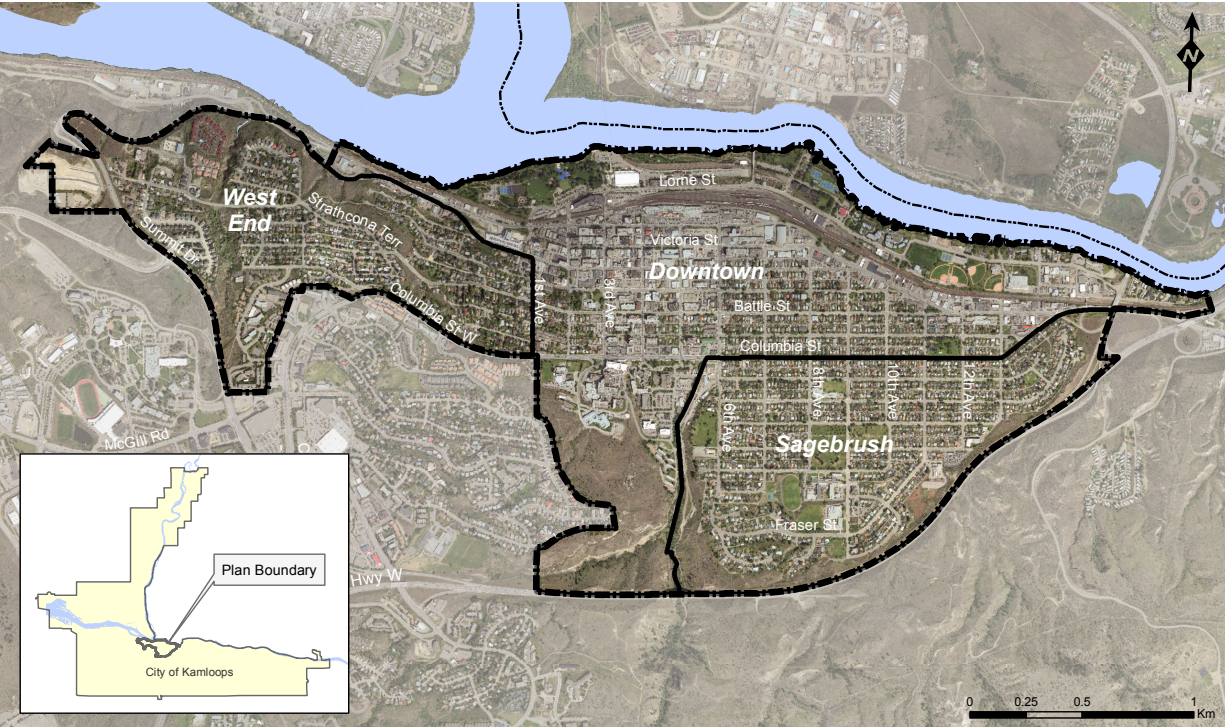


The Plan Area

The plan area includes the Downtown, Sagebrush, and West End neighbourhoods, located near the geographic centre of the city on the south shore of the Thompson Rivers.

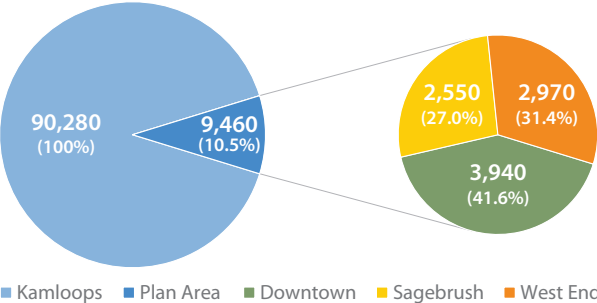
The plan area contains some of the most densely populated neighbourhoods, with a diversity of commercial, institutional, park, and residential land uses ranging from 100-year-old single-family houses to 10-storey office towers that are organized around a traditional urban street grid. Economic activity in the plan area consists of restaurants, retail, office, health care facilities, and arts and entertainment venues. The plan area also features several city parks, recreational facilities, and designated heritage resources.

Plan Boundary



By 2039, the population of the plan area is estimated to reach 12,970, a 37% increase.

Population (2016)



What are some of the key issues the plan will address?

The OCP's growth plan forecasts that over 1,500 residential units will be built to accommodate the projected increase in population in the plan area over the next 20 years. Over the past two years, the pace of residential development in these neighbourhoods has nearly tripled when compared to any year in the previous decade. In order to appropriately manage this growth, the Downtown Plan will include policies to address the following:

- location of residential, commercial, institutional, mixed-use, parks, and other land uses
- land use and urban design considerations that support a mode shift from private vehicle trips to walking, cycling, and transit use
- implications of projected growth on servicing infrastructure, including water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer systems
- location and types of housing for infill development, increased density, and changing demographics

- environmental considerations around waterways, wildlife corridors, and critical habitat areas
- economic development initiatives that support local business, attract new business, and contribute to revitalization of commercial areas
- access and connectivity to key amenities, the riverfront, and other neighbourhoods
- public realm, park, community facility, and transportation improvement projects identified within the plan area
- potential lands, buildings, and other structures for heritage conservation
- guidelines for commercial, residential, and institutional building form and character in the City Centre
- other social, economic, environmental, and cultural issues, as required

