THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Patricia Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer	**FILE:**	6480-02 / 8300-07
PC:	Terry Barton, Director, Planning and Community Services Roy Nuriel, General Manager, City Planning	**DATE:**	May 28, 2024
FROM:	Barbara Everdene, Long Range Planner Danielle DeVries, Manager, Transportation		
SUBJECT:	**OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN & TRANSPORTATION PLAN JOINT REVIEW UPDATE**		

On March 25, 2024, Council endorsed the Engagement Strategy and project overview for the Official Community Plan, the Transportation Plan, and the Housing Needs Report, which will inform a future update to the City's Housing Action Plan. Since then, Phase 1 of engagement, several technical studies, and the initial options analysis and document drafting have started.

Phase 1 Engagement Highlights

Phase 1 focuses on understanding community values, needs, and priorities through a variety of engagement approaches (see Table 1 below). This phase is expected to culminate in a What We Learned Report in mid-July, and a Council Workshop will follow. Phase 2 will begin in fall 2024.

Table 1: Status Update on Phase 1 Engagement

In Person	• Completed five workshops with Council Committees and the Social Planning Council of the North Okanagan for affordable housing providers, people with lived experience of homelessness, newcomers, and community-based service providers **What's Next:** • Four deep dive sessions with Council Committees and organizations for climate, nature and trails, tourism, economic development, and land development and investment
In Community	• Participated in community-based events such as the Belonging Art Show and the CARE Climate Expo • Advertising ongoing to promote the survey with a postcard mailout, and bus, radio, and web-based advertising **What's Next:** • Find the OCP-TP team at the Sunshine Festival, Vernon Senior's Fair, and the Polson Artisan Night Market every Friday in June

Online	• Launched and maintain engagevernon.ca/ocp-tp • Launched community survey – 691 responses to date (as survey advertising rolls out over the coming two weeks, participation numbers are expected to rise significantly) • Launched and maintain community inbox at ocp-tp@vernon.ca **What's Next:** • Social media launch of storytelling videos on the importance of engagement, housing, and transportation to promote the survey • Presentation kit to support community-based conversations on the OCP to encourage feedback and promote the survey

Council Workshop

A workshop for Council is proposed as the finale to Phase 1. This session would provide an opportunity for Council to review findings on community values, needs, and priorities and potential policy directions in housing, transportation, and other OCP-related topics. A special meeting of Council will be scheduled for this purpose to allow sufficient time and space for this conversation.

Technical Studies

All technical studies have been initiated and are at various phases from procurement to partial completion. Table 2 below provides a brief overview of studies currently underway and those in the procurement phase.

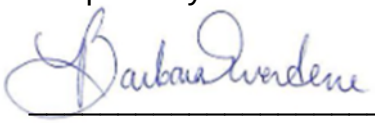
Table 2: Status Update on Technical Studies

Studies in Progress with External Contracts or Internally	Studies in Development and Procurement Phase
• Housing Needs Report • Land Inventory • EV Charging Gap Analysis • Update traffic counts and road classifications • Active Transportation and Transit Gap Analysis • School Travel Planning • Parks Study • Social Services Study	• Employment & Economic Development Study • Update Environmental Mapping, Natural Asset Inventory, and Wetlands • Highway Corridors Study • Sewer Model Update • Curbside Management Study

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled “Official Community Plan and Transportation Plan Joint Review Update” dated May 28, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Long Range Planner and the Manager, Transportation.

Respectfully submitted:



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Approved for the Agenda by the CAO ☐

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