Official Community Plan
Initial Consideration

CITY OF Vernon

September 2025

Official Community Plan Purpose

Guide growth and land use in alignment with Vernon's community vision for 2045


Housing


Natural Areas


Local Economy


Active Living & Arts


Community Wellbeing


Community Safety & Resiliency

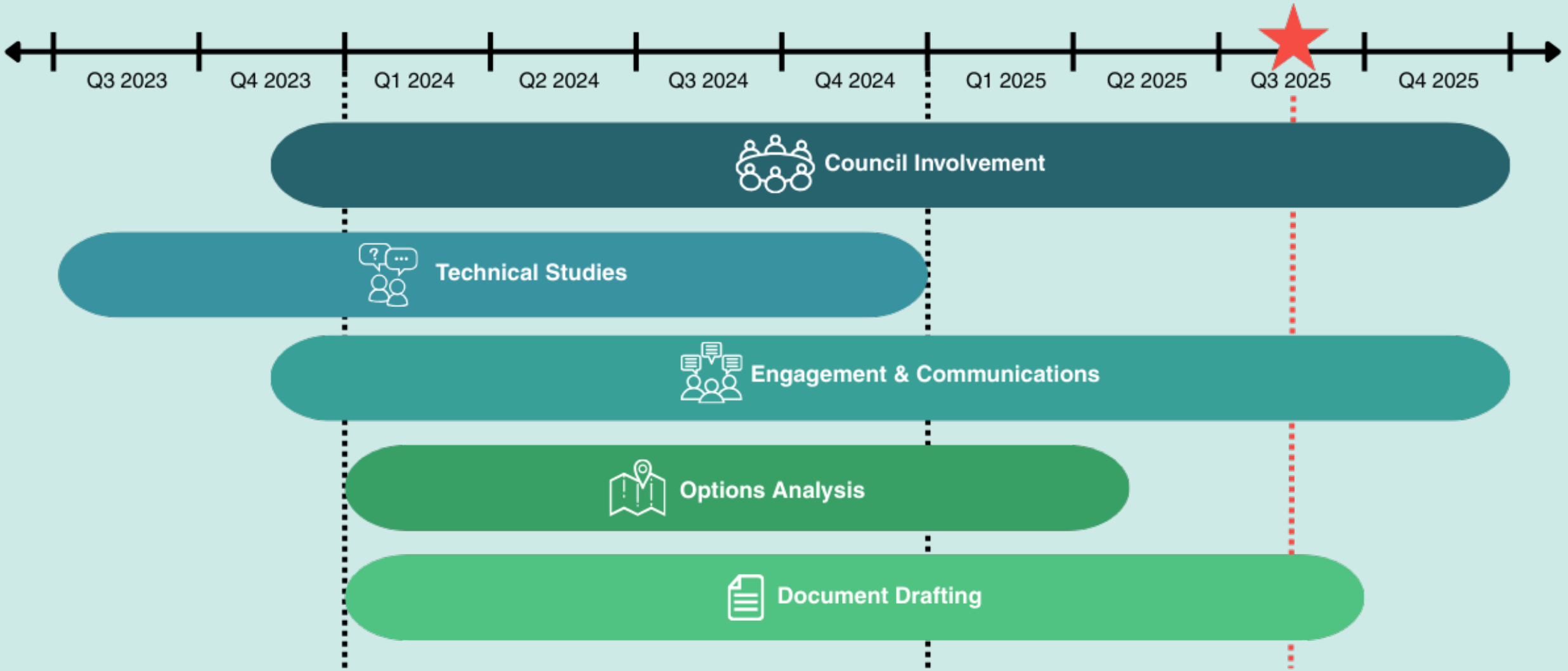

Balanced Growth

Why Update the Official Community Plan Now?

- Current OCP adopted in 2013
- Council Strategic Plan alignment
- Provincial legislative requirements



Official Community Plan Update Process



Community Engagement

"Add more greenery to paths and public spaces"

– Phase 1 Survey Response

"Improve existing streets and sidewalks for safety"

– Phase 2 Survey Response

"Vernon has such potential!"

– Phase 1 Survey Response

"Make this city affordable and accessible to live in!"

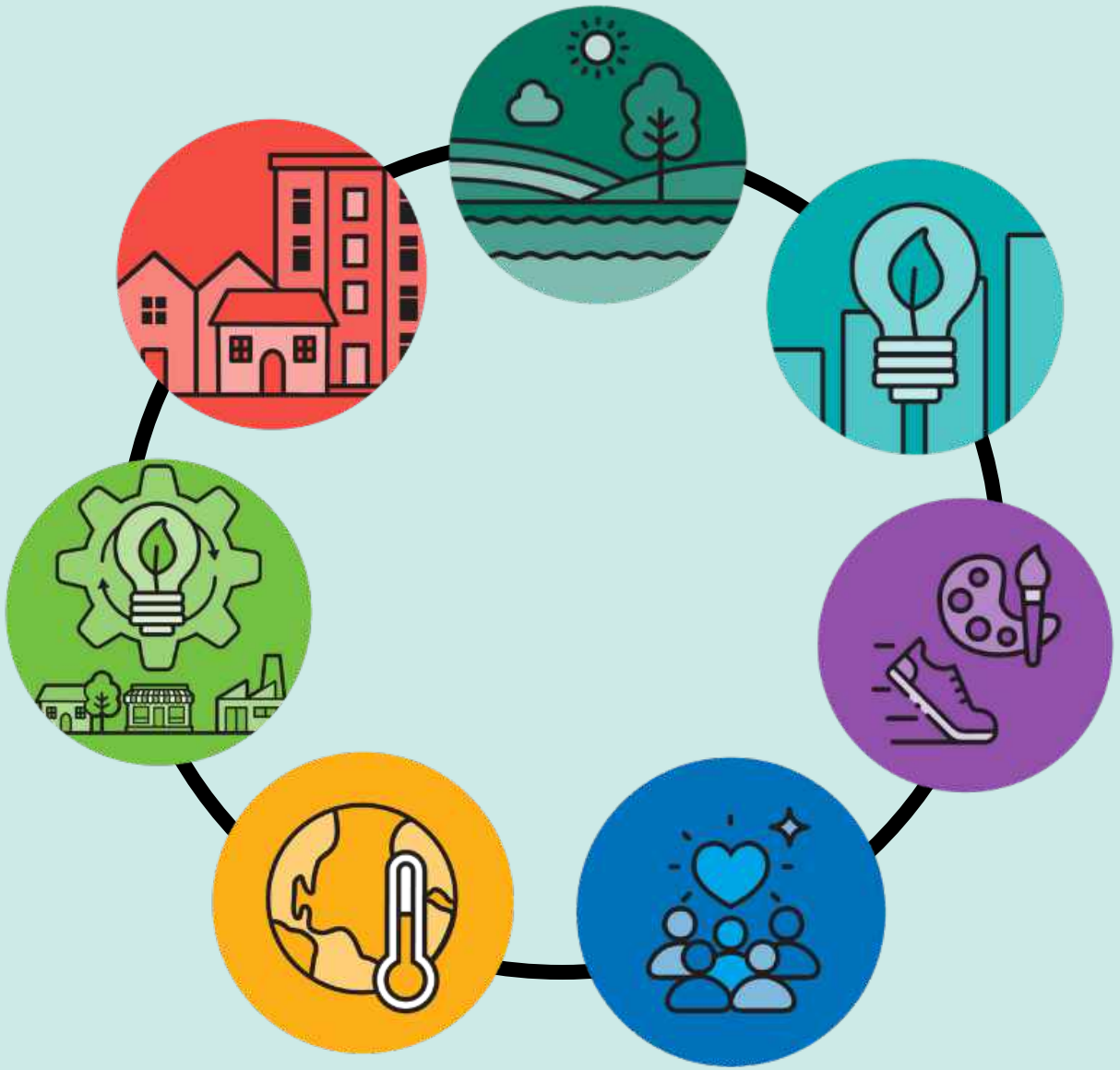
– Phase 2 Survey Response

"I would like the downtown centre to be as walkable as possible"

– Phase 3 Survey Response



Big Moves



1. Growth Strategy
2. Housing
3. Climate Action
4. Parks & Waterfront Access
5. Environmental Maps & Framework

BIG MOVES

1. Growth Strategy

- Urban Containment Boundary
- Urban Centres
  - Uptown
  - Downtown
- Village Centres
  - Alexis Park
  - Jubilee Hill
  - Waterfront



"Build stronger, more connected neighbourhoods"

– Phase 1 Survey Response

"Love the idea of being able to walk for groceries and entertainment"

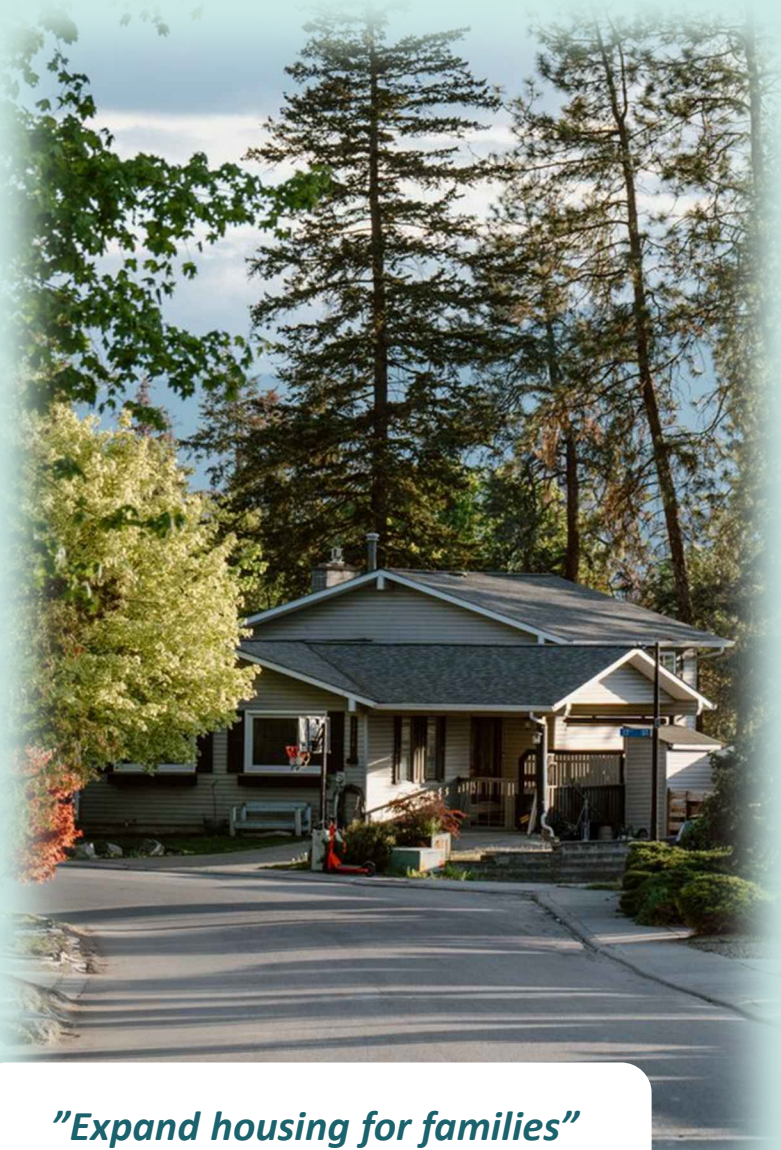
– Phase 3 Survey Response

2. Housing

"Vernon needs to be really encouraging things like apartments and condos"

– Phase 1 Survey Response





"Expand housing for families"

– Phase 3 Survey Response

"Make it easier for people to live near downtown"

– Phase 1 Survey Response



3. Climate Action



"Prioritize community resilience in the face of climate change"

– Phase 3 Survey Response

"We need to lower our GHG emissions and mitigate climate change"

– Phase 1 Survey Response

4. Parks & Waterfront Access

"Providing activity spaces, especially for young people, is vital"

– Phase 3 Survey Response

"I feel at peace in nature"

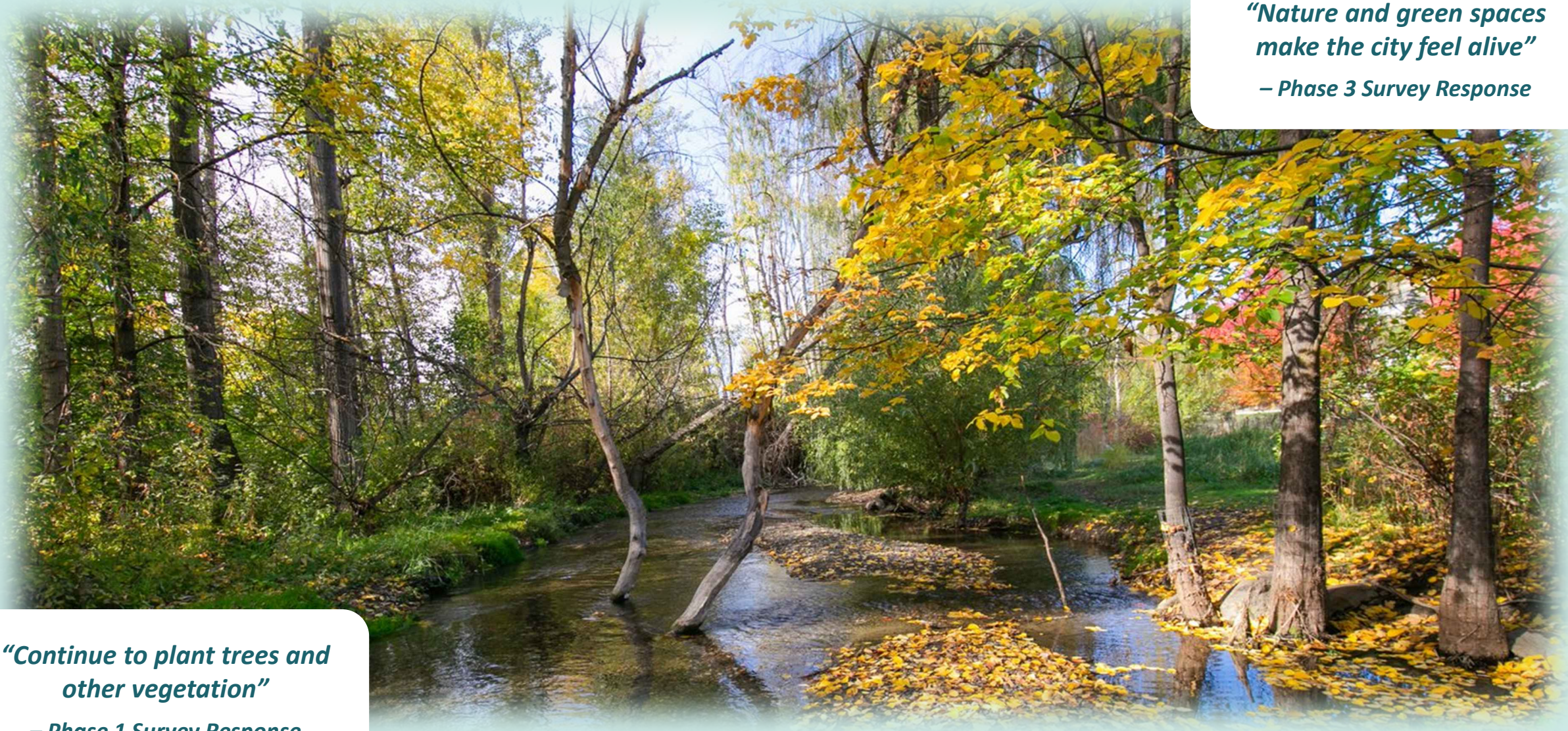
– Phase 1 Survey Response



"Make the lakefronts easier to get to, use, and with amenities"

– Phase 1 Survey Response

5. Environmental Maps & Framework



"Nature and green spaces make the city feel alive"

– Phase 3 Survey Response

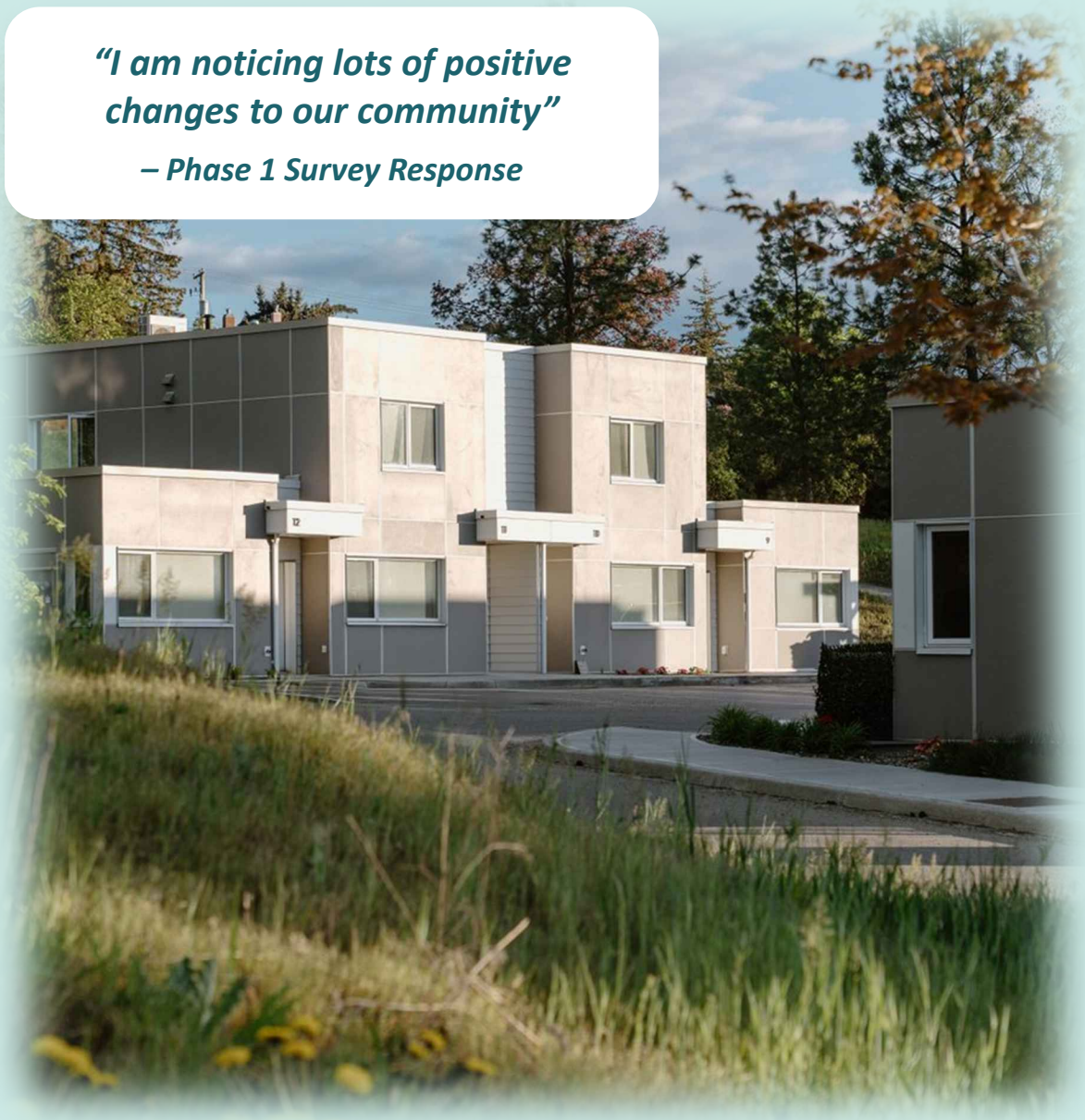
"Continue to plant trees and other vegetation"

– Phase 1 Survey Response

Looking Forward

"I am noticing lots of positive changes to our community"

– Phase 1 Survey Response





"I value a vibrant downtown core"

– Phase 3 Survey Response

What's Next? – 2026 Implementation

- DCC Bylaw and 20-year servicing plan
- Zoning Bylaw Phase 3 - Align
- Procedures Bylaw Update
- Subdivision Bylaw update
- Streamlined development approvals
- New data and metric tracking programs

"Vernon needs to create a strong vision for its future"

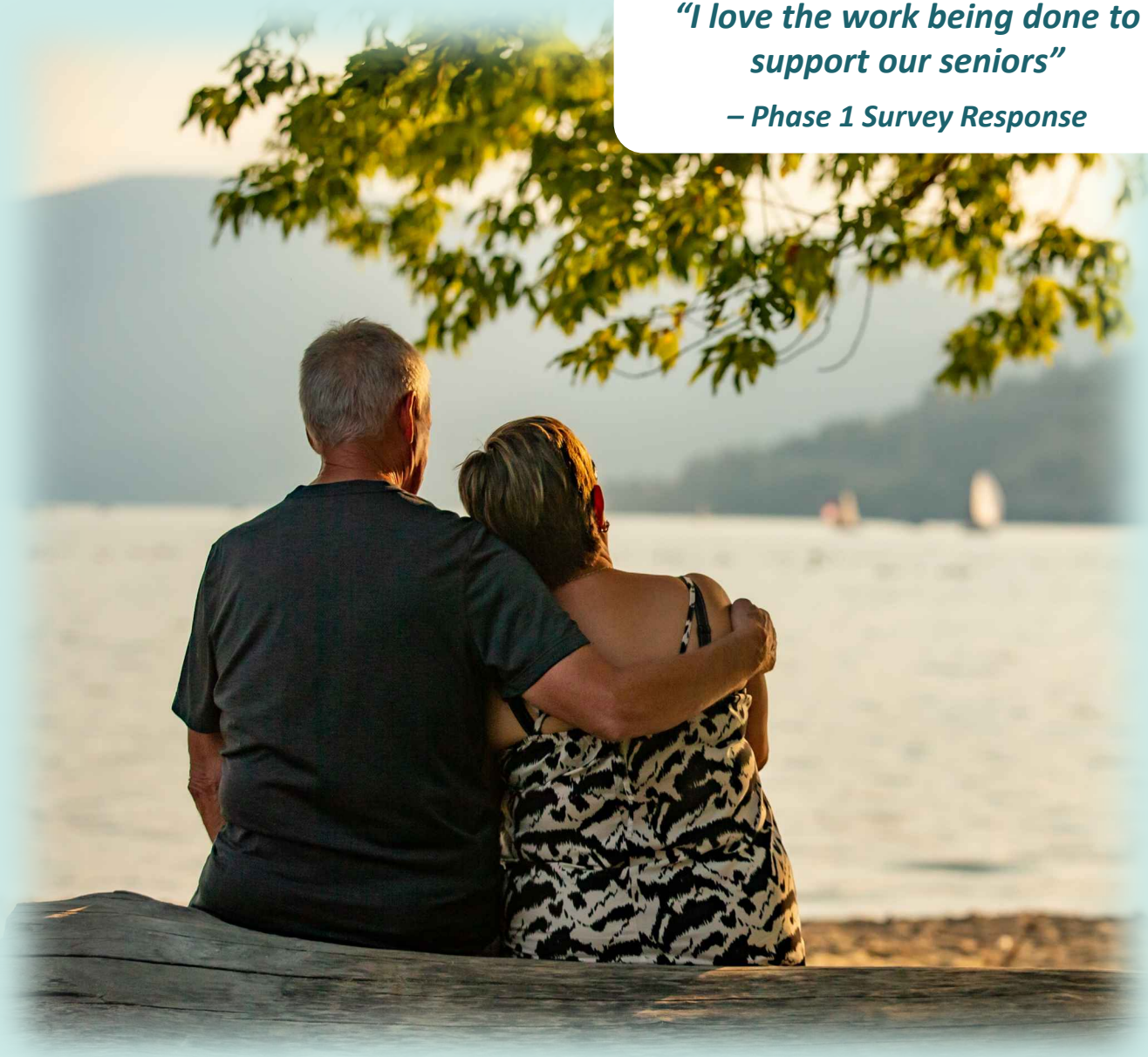
– Phase 1 Survey Response



What's Next? – 2027 and Beyond

Official Community Plan as an adaptable document

- Minor updates every 1-2 years
- Major update every 5-years



"I love the work being done to support our seniors"

– Phase 1 Survey Response

What's Next? – End of Year Plan

September 2: Initial Consideration

September – October: Document Refinement

October 14: 1st Reading & External Agency Referrals

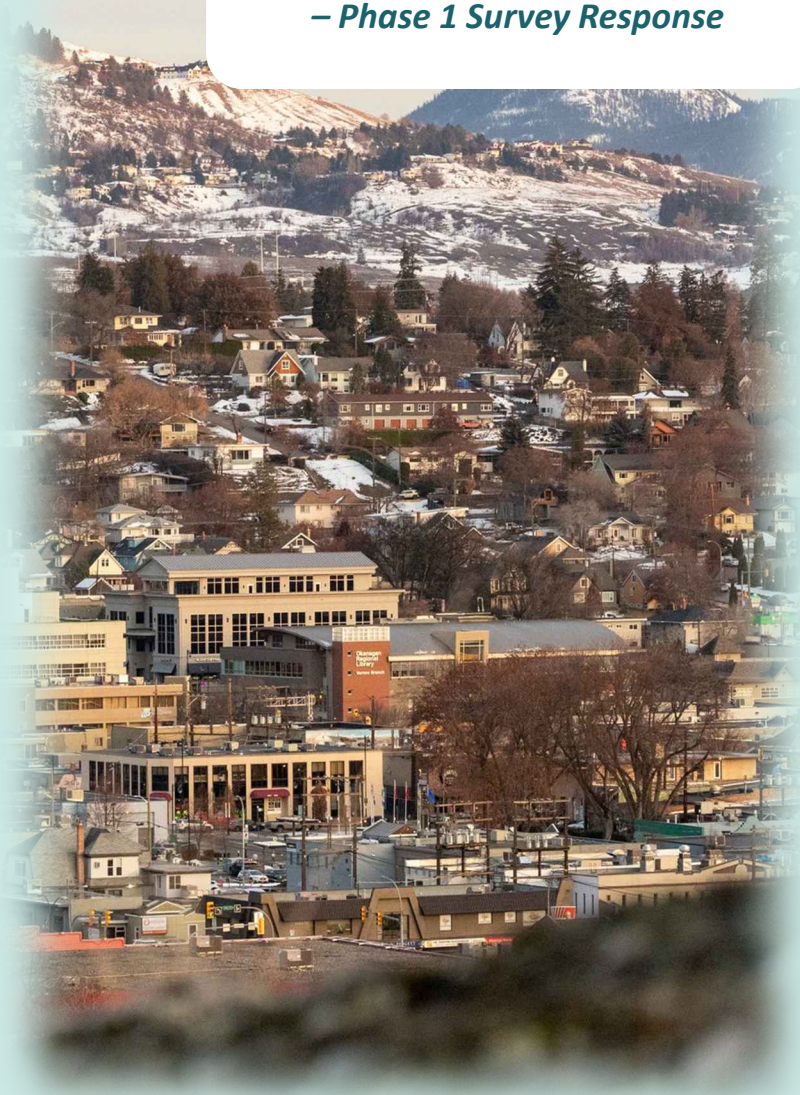
November 10: Public Hearing & 2nd – 3rd Reading

December 15: 4th Reading & Adoption

December 31: Provincial Legislative Deadline

"I really enjoy living here"

– Phase 1 Survey Response



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