# 2040 Official Community Plan

Animated parks & public spaces

With more people living Urban Centres without large back yards or private green space, the experience of walking along a street, people watching in a plaza, or meeting friends in a park takes on added significance.

Why invest in urban parks?

#### Provide Support inclusive mental wellness spaces Strengthen Encourage social active living Healthy connection Communities Mitigate climate change Protect & restore natural habitats

## Looking ahead

- More investment in parks that serve urban centres
- Protecting and expanding access to waterfront
- Creating more lively public spaces
- Supporting dynamic arts & cultural experiences in public spaces

### Rethinking public space

Besides parks, public spaces – including streets – offer a number of opportunities for people to play and gather. Going forward, we will invest in an animated pedestrian realm that includes walkable street design features, event programming and temporary and mobile uses. This includes more space for outdoor patios and other features that enhance how our city feels when exploring by foot.

### Get Involved to discuss

• How the OCP supports enjoyment and improves neighbourhood livability through improved parks and public space.

Learn more and share your feedback on the draft 2040 OCP at **getinvolved.kelowna.ca** 



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Residents asked for more parks and public spaces as the city continue to grow