

# BC HOUSING – 1451 & 1469 BERTRAM STREET REDEVELOPMENT, KELOWNA, BC

## *Design Concepts Questionnaire*

### Questionnaire Deadline: October 2, 2020

BC Housing is planning for the redevelopment of **1451 and 1469 Bertram Street**, in downtown Kelowna, BC. The focus of the redevelopment is to create urgently needed new affordable non-market and market rental housing for seniors, couples, individuals and families.

Please refer to the **Bertram Redevelopment Brochure** for more information about the overall direction for the redevelopment planning work and the design ideas under consideration.

Before a proposal is made to the City of Kelowna, BC Housing is looking for your feedback on the planning work through this 10-minute questionnaire. A space for general comments is provided at the end of the questionnaire. Thank you for taking the time to provide your input.

#### **1. What describes your relationship to the Bertram Street redevelopment property?**

***Check all categories that apply.***

- I live on Bertram Street
- I don't live on Bertram Street, but I live within about three blocks of the property
- I don't live within three blocks, but I live in downtown Kelowna
- I'm a downtown business owner
- I'm a downtown commercial property owner
- I work in the downtown
- I'm an interested member of Kelowna's broader community
- I'm interested in renting the future non-market housing
- I'm interested in renting the future market housing
- I'm a member of the Kelowna Downtown Knox Mountain Neighbourhood Association
- I'm a member of the Downtown Kelowna Association
- Other related affiliations? (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. How important is it that new NON-MARKET RENTAL housing is built in Kelowna's downtown?**

**Check one.**

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Not important
- no response

**3. How important is it that new MARKET RENTAL housing is built in Kelowna's downtown?**

**Check one.**

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Not important
- no response

**4. The redevelopment is considering including a children's daycare with a play area along Bertram. How important is this new daycare service in Kelowna's downtown? Check one.**

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Not important
- no response

**5. The redevelopment is considering 8 family townhomes along Bertram Street and 6 family townhomes facing north. How important is it that these townhomes be included in the redevelopment?**

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Not important
- no response

**6. The townhomes would be designed to enhance the residential look and feel of the redevelopment. What architectural style do you think is most appropriate for the new townhomes? Check one.**

- Ultra-Modern (for example: minimal architectural details, concrete and glass featured)
- Contemporary Craftsman (for example: pitched rooflines, plank siding, covered front porches)
- Contemporary Brick Brownstone (for example: flat rooflines, brick finishes, walk-up front steps)
- A combination of compatible architectural styles
- Other? (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- no response

**7. The redevelopment is planning for a 17-storey apartment building on a 3-storey parkade. The apartment is planned to house approximately 186 units. The tall building form allows separation from immediate neighbours and greenspace at ground level and on the parkade, but the tall building will be visible from a distance. A lower and wider apartment building, closer to immediate neighbours, was also considered by the project team.**

**In your opinion, should BC Housing continue to plan for a tall apartment or reconsider a wider but lower apartment? Check one.**

- Continue planning for a narrow and tall apartment
- Reconsider a wider and lower apartment
- I'm not sure
- no response

**8. A 3-storey parkade is planned behind the townhomes and daycare. Because of the walkable downtown location and the proximity to transit, future residents of the redevelopment will be encouraged to use transit and other active transportation options.**

**Close to one vehicle parking spot will be available for every housing unit. Please choose the response that best describes your opinion on this parking plan.**

- This is too much private vehicle parking
- This is not enough private vehicle parking
- no response

**9. The redevelopment will upgrade the sidewalk and public space along the Bertram Street section of the property and create a new bicycle lane. How important is it that project team also include the following additional features along Bertram Street?**

Benches

Planting additional trees along Bertram

Sidewalk lighting

Universal design for mobility, visually or hearing impaired

Protection of existing trees along Bertram

Public art

*Directional signage*

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Not important
- no response

**10. BC Housing will redesign the landscaping between the townhomes, the daycare, and Bertram Street. Please choose the response that best describes how you think this area should be landscaped?**

- Simple landscaping, with mostly grass and trees
- Minimal grass with generous plantings of shrubs and trees
- A focus on decorative pavers and limited plantings
- A mix of grass, trees and decorative pavers
- no response

**11. BC Housing is planning a leadership role in mitigating climate change through a number of project features. How important is it that BC Housing pursue the following?**

*Implementation of BC Energy Step Code 3 (i.e., construction standards to encourage environmental sustainability)*

*Xeriscaping (i.e., landscaping requiring little or no irrigation)*

*Passive energy design (i.e., building design that uses the sun's energy to minimize energy consumption)*

*Construction waste diversion from landfill of 60%*

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Not important
- no response

**12. Please provide any additional related comments. What do you like most and, or, least, about the design ideas presented for the redevelopment?**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT**

**Additional notes:**

Your comments are being collected for summary in reports to BC Housing and Kelowna City Council regarding opinions expressed through the public involvement process. Your personal information WILL NOT be released to others, nor be used by BC Housing for unrelated purposes. This information is protected under the authority of the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.