

STRATEGIC SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PRIORITIZATION

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Introduction

The Citizens for Responsible Development acknowledge that the areas of Land Management, Housing and Affordability and Community Economic Development are high priorities for our community. We would however, strongly suggest that the Focus Area: Water and Solid Waste Management, contains some strategic actions that are of critical importance to the community. This view is supported by the concern citizens voiced about proposed development in our community watershed. We have identified our top ten strategic action priorities below.

FA#10 WATER AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – RATING: CRITICAL

Goal: To provide a dependable supply of clean healthy water that exceeds quality requirements and meets the needs of residents and visitors.

- Create an integrated Watershed Management Plan (#111/120 City Engineering)
- Establish watershed boundaries and protect the watersheds (#112 City)
- Determine infrastructure capacity and condition (#113/114 City Engineering)

FA#1 LAND MANAGEMENT – RATING: HIGH

Goal: To make efficient use of land resources, limit sprawling development and maintain a vibrant city core.

- Define medium-term growth boundaries (#1 City Planning)
- Develop the downtown area including the Emcon lands (#4/8 City Planning)
- Collaborate with RDKB and stakeholders to prepare plan for surrounding lands (#21 RDKB)

FA#5 HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY – RATING: HIGH

Goal: To ensure sufficient local supply of affordable housing, with competitive property taxes, to maintain a diverse community of full-time residents.

- Establish a Housing Authority for Rossland (#48 Council)
- Assess and adjust Development Cost Charges to reflect true costs to the community (#52 City Planning)
- Prepare long-term Infrastructure and Taxation plan (#53 City Manager)

FA#3 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RATING: HIGH

Goal: To create a diverse, resilient and balanced economic base providing quality employment and sustainable wages for residents.

- Develop a Community Economic Development Strategy (#38 New CED Organization)