

INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY – October 14, 2025



Strategic planning ensures that Councils strategic vision is incorporated in the thought process of administration as projects are planned and implemented. It also provides residents and businesses with forward looking expectations and realizations.

Mission:

To provide quality community services and facilities which meet the needs of the current and future residents of Osoyoos, in a socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable manner.

Long Term Administrative Guidance:

Council has established strategic priorities. These priorities are short term objectives which are reviewed regularly and updated based on the current climate. Listed below are more forward-looking priorities that will assist administration in planning and implementing asset management plans while ensuring fiscal responsibility when addressing maintenance of our aging infrastructure. A regional perspective should be considered when looking at all asset renewals.

Infrastructure - Maintained and replaced based on its functional life. Assets in poor condition should be replaced and/or refurbished based on cost benefit analysis and budgeted accordingly. - Public facing infrastructure in high tourism traffic areas will be refurbished or replaced once it reaches slightly below average condition. (See attached map- Tiers)	Development – Limit Urban Sprawl: - Higher density required. - Developer cost charges need to increase to offset actual incurred costs. - Increased water restrictions will be required to accommodate growth until the effects of water conservation, such as water metering, comes to fruition.
Recreation – Maintain current services: - Amalgamated buildings/facilities where possible to save costs which could include shared facilities with Oliver and others. - Pursue expanding current services, such as an aquatic centre, if other partners are willing to participate (OIB, Oliver, RDOS). Initial capital costs would need to be covered or significantly covered by grants. - Consideration would also be given to a multi-use facility that could be expanded upon as existing facilities require replacement and/or significant upgrades.	Town Facilities - Town owned facilities and services should be combined where it is fiscally responsible to do so. - External bodies such as Interior Health, School District #53 and other non-profits can be included as options when rebuilds of municipal facilities are constructed when it is cost effective to do so. - Other uses such as housing can be incorporated within Town facilities. Short term landing accommodations for Town staff and potentially other entities can be considered. - The future Town Hall can be located off of Main Street.

Future Key Municipal Infrastructure Decisions:

Strategic decisions on accessibility (walking/bike paths), main street rehabilitation, mixed housing (potential municipal ownership or partial ownership) and Gyro Park (and other parks) will be made by Council once additional information is made available.