

## Keremeos Official Community Plan Update

The Village of Keremeos is updating its Official Community Plan (OCP) – a plan that provides direction for growth and change in Keremeos over the next several years. In an effort to complete the exercise effectively and efficiently, Village has retained MMM Group (Kelowna) to assist in the update process.

Keremeos' current [Official Community Plan \(OCP\)](#), last updated in 2004, will be updated again over the course of the next 12 months. The OCP is to provide a clear outline of the Village's intentions with regard to future land uses and servicing across the community.

On the evening of August 17, the Village officially initiated the Official Community Plan Update with an Open House. Throughout the process of developing the OCP, additional public input will be sought at various stages, in addition to the Community Survey that was conducted by the Village earlier this year.

When complete, Council, staff, and citizens will refer to the OCP for guidance on decisions such as where to locate housing and businesses, when to repair and replace aging infrastructure, and how the community will respond to climate change.

### Public Engagement Opportunities

Want to get involved in the OCP Update? The following engagement opportunities are available to residents and stakeholders to get involved in the OCP Update:

#### Open House and Workshop

- In the Fall, a second Open House and Workshop will be hosted by MMM Group. This open house and workshop will include an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to get informed of the project and contribute to the Vision, goals, and objectives of the updated OCP. Stay tuned for event details!

#### Facebook Group - Keremeos Official Community Plan Update

- Residents and stakeholders can post comments and engage in online discussions with other members of the community from the comfort of your own home!
- Not sure when the next public engagement event is? Check it out on Facebook. All public engagement activity details will be posted on the [Keremeos Official Community Plan Update](#) Facebook Group in advance.

#### Keremeos Webpage

- Not a Facebook user? No problem! As the OCP Update progresses, all updates, notices, and events will be posted on the Village of [Keremeos Website](#).

#### Picture Perfect!

- As part of the OCP Update process, we're hosting a photo contest to encourage residents to take pride and demonstrate to non-residents what makes Keremeos so special. Take a picture of something within your community that is special to you and tell us what it means to you. The grand prize winner wins an Apple iPod, in addition to having their credited photo included within the Updated OCP. Runner-up photos may also be included within the OCP.

*Photo submissions can be emailed to: [KeremeosOCP@mmm.ca](mailto:KeremeosOCP@mmm.ca) (Subject Line: OCP Photo Contest Submission). Submission requirements must include:*

1. A photo taken within the Village of Keremeos;
2. A description of the photo subject (what are you taking a picture of)
3. An explanation of why the photo you took is meaningful to you (or your community)

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4. Your contact details (Name, Telephone number, and Email)

*\*Note: Proof of Village of Keremeos resident or business owner status must be confirmed to qualify for grand prize.*

As the Village of Keremeos moves forward with the Official Community Plan Update, details will continue to be available via this web page.

If you have any questions regarding the Keremeos Official Community Plan Update, please contact:

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