



GLENROSA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

West Kelowna Independent Power Authority (IPA)

May 9, 2024

Dear esteemed members of the West Kelowna City Council,

We write to you on behalf of the concerned citizens of Glenrosa to propose a comprehensive initiative for an Independent Power Authority for the City of West Kelowna. In light of recent discussions and opportunities, we believe it is imperative to seize the moment and enact measures that not only benefit our environment but also bolster our economy and enhance the overall well-being of our residents.

Outlined below are the key talking points and components of our proposal:

- 1. Fire Breaks and Environmental Conservation:** Given our region's susceptibility to wildfires, we propose the installation of solar power farms along fire breaks wherever feasible. By strategically creating these fire breaks, we can mitigate the risk of wildfires, safeguard our natural environment, protect and power our communities.
- 2. Revenue Generation and Economic Prosperity:** It is essential to consider avenues for revenue generation that directly benefit taxpayers. Through this initiative, we aim to explore sustainable revenue streams that contribute to the economic prosperity of West Kelowna while alleviating the burden on taxpayers.
- 3. Integration of Green Power:** Embracing renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and hydro power not only reduces our carbon footprint but also positions West Kelowna as a leader in sustainable energy practices. By integrating green power into our infrastructure, we can contribute to a cleaner and more resilient energy future for our community.



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4. **Leveraging Geographical Blessings:** West Kelowna is blessed with a unique geography, particularly on the west side. We must capitalize on this natural advantage by incorporating it into our development plans, ensuring that growth is sustainable and harmonious with the surrounding environment.
5. **Collaboration with Indigenous Stakeholders:** Recognizing the importance of Indigenous perspectives and traditional knowledge, we propose meaningful collaboration with Indigenous stakeholders in the planning and implementation of this initiative. By fostering partnerships built on mutual respect and understanding, we can achieve more inclusive and equitable outcomes for all.
6. **Access to Affordable Financing:** The availability of affordable financing from federal and provincial governments presents an opportunity to accelerate the implementation of sustainable development projects. We urge the Council to explore and leverage these financing options to maximize the impact of our initiatives while minimizing financial strain on the community.
7. **Response to BC Hydro Call for IPA:** In alignment with BC Hydro's call for private wind and solar producers, including the solarization of the Okanagan region, we propose active participation and collaboration with relevant stakeholders to advance our shared goals of renewable energy adoption and climate action.
8. **Job and Employment Opportunities:** The proposed infrastructure projects will create job and employment opportunities for our residents, boosting local economic growth and prosperity. This aligns with our goal of building a resilient and vibrant community.
9. **Backup for Single Transmission Line:** Establishing backup systems for our single transmission line enhances the reliability and resilience of our electrical



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infrastructure, ensuring uninterrupted power supply for our residents and businesses.

In closing, we emphasize the importance of community support for this initiative. We believe that by taking a serious look at the proposed concept, adopting a common-sense approach, maintaining transparency throughout the process, and conducting thorough due diligence, the West Kelowna City Council can pave the way for a sustainable and prosperous future for our community.

We look forward to the Council's thoughtful consideration of this proposal and stand ready to offer our support and expertise in advancing these critical initiatives.

Sincerely,

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