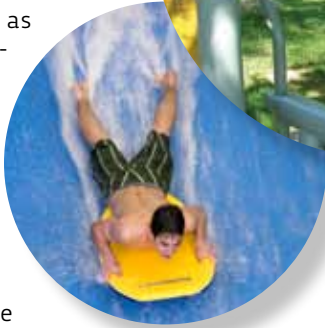


A heathy, active community

Canada's largest municipal indoor waterpark, H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre was opened in April. Completed at a cost of \$46 million, the centre features an Olympic-sized 50-metre swimming pool, a wave pool, three water slides, a River Run and the first Flowrider™ simulated wave machine in Canada, as well as a 1,100-square-metre cardio and weight workout space.



Other recreation and parks projects included:

- ▶ Upgrades to City Park to widen the promenade and upgrade the soccer/rugby pitch, two sand volleyball courts and basketball court.
- ▶ Initial development of Stuart Park. Named after former Mayor Jim Stuart, the community park will feature a civic plaza, a skating rink and a grand promenade along the waterfront, connecting Kerry Park to Waterfront Park.
- ▶ Expansions at Parkinson Recreation Park, including construction of six new tennis courts, a sand volleyball court and an Adult Fitness Park supported by funding from ActNow BC.
- ▶ Completion of the final phase of Quilchena Park in the Kettle Valley neighbourhood.

**34,000
hours of
recreation
programming**

- ▶ Expansion of Rotary Beach following the purchase of two residential properties allowing the park and public beach to be extended to the north.
 - ▶ Opening of Carney Park in Quail Ridge, named after the pioneering Carney family.
 - ▶ Initial construction of the 3.4 hectare Mission Creek Mountain Bike Skills Park.
 - ▶ Completion of the Linear Parks Master Plan and Bellevue Creek Linear Park Plan.
- ▶ Renovation of the cenotaph area and landscaping at Rutland Lions Park, additional playground equipment and tennis court for Blair Pond Park, expansion of Diamond 4 at the Mission Recreation Park and construction of a trail and three bridges at Priest Creek Linear Park to provide access to Myra Bellevue Provincial Park.

Host City

From small events to large festivals, approximately 100 outdoor event applications were processed. Consultations began on the Outdoor Events Plan which will incorporate best practices to ensure events capture both economic and social benefits.

Kelowna was awarded the 2010 Western Canadian Music Awards, the 2011 International Children Winter Games, and is shortlisted to host the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

The City supported 40 tournaments in Rutland and Memorial arenas, along with 35 tournaments and special events in City stadiums.

Recreation & Cultural Grants

Sport Event Development Grants of \$49,000 helped support 25 local sport organizations to host 33 events, contributing approximately \$6.3 million to the local economy. Amateur Arts Grants of \$80,000 were distributed to 15 groups, while \$95,000 was distributed to three professional arts groups. Approximately 8,000 coupons were redeemed and over 240 individuals were assisted in registering for recreation programs through the City's Access program.

Awards & Accolades

- ▶ FortisBC PowerSense Conservation Excellence Awards for the H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre
- ▶ Innovation Award from the Public Works Association of BC for the City's solar-powered fuel dispensing tank
- ▶ Named Solar Community of the Year by BC Sustainable Energy Association & SolarBC
- ▶ Canadian Award for Financial Reporting and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association
- ▶ Gold Award in the Logo Redesign category at the 2009 Summit International Creative Awards
- ▶ Excellence award from the Okanagan Mainline Real Estate Board for the Departure Room expansion at the Kelowna International Airport
- ▶ Named Mentor of the Year for helping the City of Vernon establish a Communities in Bloom program
- ▶ Kelowna International Airport's magazine YLW Connection placed first in the Airports Council International-North America 2009 Excellence in Marketing and Communications Contest.

2009 Year in Review



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9,600
business
licences

Supporting a growing economy

The City continued to support the growth and progress of Kelowna as a desirable place for business:

- ▶ Processed 1,590 building permits valued at \$440 million.
- ▶ Completed a Market Assessment for the Rutland Town Centre in partnership with the Uptown Rutland Business Association.
- ▶ Established the Liquor Control Review Task Force to examine the status of entertainment zones and how best to deal with applications for liquor establishments.
- ▶ Initiated public consultations for the South Pandosy Parking Management Plan and the Downtown Kelowna Parking Management Plan.

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Eco-friendly rammed earth walls insulate the new Cedar Creek Pump station.



Kelowna International Airport saw an increased frequency on existing routes, the launch of scheduled service to Mexico and new charters, and larger aircraft serving the Vancouver route. The Drive to 1.6 Million Passengers program was launched as a phased approach to construction that will be triggered by passenger traffic demand. Passenger growth is forecasted to reach 1.6 million by 2015.



Sound Fiscal Management

The City strives to deliver services at the lowest long term cost to the taxpayers. The City received one of the highest municipal Worksafe BC ratings, which will result in annual cost savings of \$250,000. The City also changed health and welfare benefit providers to reduce costs.

Building sustainable infrastructure

Transportation Infrastructure

Throughout 2009, infrastructure investments helped support an active and sustainable community.

- ▶ Expanded Kelowna's bike lane network by 7.6 kilometres for a total of 248 km.
- ▶ Supported the widening of Highway 97 and the creation of rapid bus pullouts.
- ▶ Construction began on Glenmore Bypass and Gordon Drive. Both projects include off-road multi-use pathways. The replacement of the Gordon Drive bridge is scheduled for 2010.

Sustainable Development

- ▶ Continued consultations on the Official Community Plan, gathering public input on an updated land use model.
- ▶ Implemented new Hillside Development Guidelines, updated the Soil Deposit/Removal Bylaw and revised the Development Sustainability Checklists.

The
Emergency
Operations Centre
was staffed for
28 days, responding
to the 2009
wildfires.

Utility Infrastructure

An expansion is currently underway at the City's wastewater treatment facility. The City's largest infrastructure project valued at \$60 million will see treatment capacity increase from 40 to 70 million litres a day.

Other utility projects included:

- ▶ Completion of the new \$7 million Cedar Creek Water Pump Station. The station will help meet water needs in southeast Kelowna for the next 50 years.
- ▶ Upgrades along Bernard Avenue, Ethel Street, Highland Drive North, Lawrence Avenue, Leon Avenue, Moyer Road, Rowcliffe Avenue and St. Paul Street.
- ▶ Initial construction of the Brandt's Creek Tradewaste Treatment Plant Lift Station which will treat wastewater from local industries.

Affordable Housing

- ▶ Construction began on the 39-unit Tutt Street Place and the 40-unit Willowbridge on Boyce Crescent on City-owned land.
- ▶ Created policies to encourage construction of affordable housing and supported the development of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.
- ▶ Provided financial support to the 11-unit Gordon Drive Society of Hope Project which provides short-term homes for women and children. The facility opened in 2009.



Preserving our Heritage

- ▶ Fifteen new sites were added to the Community Heritage Registry.
- ▶ Launched a self-guided heritage driving tour.
- ▶ Secured a Heritage Canada infrastructure Grant to support restoration work on the Laurel Packinghouse.
- ▶ Updated the Heritage Building Tax Incentive to encourage restorations.



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Protecting the environment

- ▶ Launched a curbside automated collection system. The new three cart system, includes carts specifically for recyclables, yard waste and garbage.
- ▶ Implemented the Pesticide Bylaw which regulates non-essential pesticide use by homeowners.
- ▶ Received approximately \$80,000 in grants for tree planting under Trees for Tomorrow program.
- ▶ With funding support from FortisBC, initiated the NeighbourWoods project to expand Kelowna's tree canopy.
- ▶ Added solar-powered compaction litter containers in busy downtown areas and added recycling baskets to garbage containers.
- ▶ Completed wetland mapping and updated Okanagan Lake shore mapping.
- ▶ Upgraded facilities at Glenmore Landfill to support expanded yard waste composting and waste reduction programs.
- ▶ Began expansion of the Regional Compost Facility located on the outskirts of Vernon.

The new corporate identity program unveiled in July promotes the City's commitment to community sustainability, while ensuring residents can easily identify City programs and facilities.

