

# News Release



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## **Kelowna Yacht Club supports deal**

Kelowna Yacht Club (KYC) members voted Wednesday to support a relocation plan negotiated with the City of Kelowna.

The KYC Long-Term Planning Committee worked diligently with City of Kelowna staff for more than a year to arrive at an arrangement that will benefit the citizens of Kelowna and members of the yacht club. Citizens will gain greater access to the waterfront through the creation of Phase 2 of Stuart Park. Yacht club members will benefit by obtaining ownership of the land, rather than leasing the land from the City.

“This is a win-win arrangement for the yacht club and citizens of Kelowna,” says Derek Edstrom, the City’s Strategic Land Development Manager. “Everyone involved in this project is pleased with the members’ decision.”

Kelowna Yacht Club leaders have expressed a desire to own the property rather than lease it, allowing it more control over its future than currently exists under the lease arrangement with the City of Kelowna.

“We’re very pleased our membership has seen the long-term benefits of this plan,” says Kelowna Yacht Club General Manager Randy Prost. “We can now get to work on planning a facility that will be a legacy for future generations.”

The KYC and Water Street Senior Centre relocation plans are important parts of a vision to redevelop the downtown waterfront for greater public use. Freeing up land required for the future construction of Stuart Park Phase 2 will ensure more citizens have greater access to parks, paths and amenities along the waterfront.

The City engaged the KYC and the Water Street Seniors Centre Society in relocation discussions in 2008. Both groups took part in a detailed five-phase process to select the most appropriate location for their membership. The Seniors Society will move to Parkinson Recreation Centre in 2012, benefitting from improved accessibility and proximity to recreational opportunities.

For more information about Stuart Park, Kelowna Yacht Club and Water Street Senior Centre, visit [kelowna.ca/cityprojects](http://kelowna.ca/cityprojects).

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