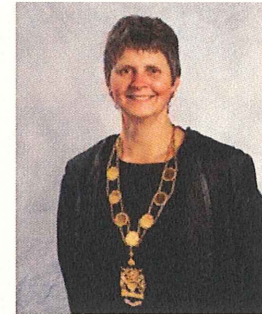




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Greetings from the City of Kelowna

Welcome to the second annual edition of "Experience – 50+ Living", a community guide for better living in the Central Okanagan.

We are very proud of the services and attractions that are available to our citizens of all ages in Kelowna. Seniors, in particular, have access to a wide variety of recreational, historical, cultural, and educational services as well as housing, healthcare, and service organizations, all which make it easy for seniors to enjoy safe and healthy lifestyles.

With a population of more than 118,000, Kelowna is the largest city in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley. Kelowna boasts all the amenities of a major city—fine dining, unique shops and vibrant culture—yet orchards and vineyards thrive within a 10-minute drive of the downtown core. Spectacular vistas await those ready to explore. A delightful day can be spent sampling the award-winning wares of our numerous internationally-acclaimed wineries, while several championship golf courses draw enthusiasts from all parts of the globe. Kelowna residents and tourists alike find Okanagan Lake offers wonderful opportunities for boating, swimming or fishing. The nearby mountains attract hikers, skiers and outdoor enthusiasts of all descriptions. Three major ski hills are within a one-hour drive. Kelowna's International Airport is one of the top ten airports in Canada, serving over one million passengers annually.

I hope this convenient and comprehensive publication will contribute to your better living in Kelowna and the Central Okanagan.

Yours very truly,

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