

# Kelowna 2030

## A Land of Mountain Vistas and Glistening Towers

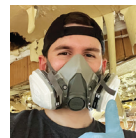


Kelowna and the Okanagan Valley are facing unprecedented growth. As of the 2021 Census, the Kelowna Census Metropolitan Area had a population of 222,162 people, growing by nearly 14% since 2016. To accommodate this growth and simultaneously preserve its limited natural and agricultural landscapes, Kelowna has started to build densely, and more aggressively so than other cities of similar size across Canada. Kelowna is set to undergo a major transformation over the decade into the 2030s, seeing thousands of new homes constructed, mainly in the form of contemporary glass skyscrapers, creating a cityscape where the sleek modernity of Canadian urban life meets the rugged beauty of the BC Interior.

The vast majority of these developments are located in Kelowna's downtown core, where the modest shops, quiet streets, and low-rise commercial buildings that make up the established streetscape are slowly starting to give way to large towers, some over 40 storeys tall. Major projects include the 3-tower Water

Street by the Park (under construction), 4-tower Waterscapes Phase 2 (recently approved), "3-tower UBC Okanagan and Mission Group development (UBC tower recently approved)" and 2-tower Bernard Block (under construction), among many other tower projects located in downtown and beyond. While not all proposed developments will be realized, many of these buildings are likely to be built within the decade. My Pan Canadian Skylines Project aims to showcase these potential future tower developments in context with each other. The buildings are individually modelled using architectural drawings, and referenced into Google Earth's 3D terrain to show their future location and size once fully built out, providing a more complete view of the potential future cityscape.

**For Kelowna, the future is looking tall.**



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