

Kelso's Vision

Founded on the banks of three rivers, Kelso celebrates its rich and colorful heritage of serving the region's historic natural resource economy. Kelso continues to be shaped and influenced by its role as the "Crossroads of Cowlitz County" that provides access to opportunity along the community's corridors.

We are the "City of Friendly People" that welcomes citizen involvement and encourages participation from the entire community. We are committed to maintaining safe neighborhoods, supporting exemplary schools and preserving our beautiful natural environment. A strong and diverse economic base coupled with housing options that meet all levels of affordability makes Kelso the choice community for raising a family and growing a business.

The bond of trust between Kelso's residents and public institutions is fostered through transparency and continuous engagement that underscore the strength of the community fabric. We rise to the challenges, overcome obstacles and make the most of opportunities to enhance the quality of life for our current and future generations.