

See how Penticton’s future is shaping up

Draft Official Community Plan policies and land use plan available for review

(Penticton, BC – August 30, 2018) – Residents are invited to see how Penticton’s future is shaping up at a series of upcoming open houses. The Official Community Plan Task Force is ready to share the draft policies and land use plan that will guide future development and change in the city. “We’ve had great community involvement so far which has helped shape the direction of the new OCP,” says Ben Johnson, Special Projects Manager with the Development Services team. “In the next few weeks, residents can see the vision and aspirations that were captured in our engagement activities translated into goals and policies for the future of Penticton.”

The open houses will feature displays describing the direction for: Housing; Transportation & Infrastructure; Economy; Environment & Resilience; Agriculture & Food Systems; Arts, Culture & Heritage; and Parks & Recreation. Attendees at the following events will also have the opportunity to have an interactive look at the draft Future Land Use plan for the OCP.

September 11	Open House	Penticton Seniors’ Drop-in Centre <i>Drop in and view the displays during the popular lunch.</i>	11 am to 1 pm
September 13	Open House	Penticton Safety Village <i>Bring the kids and their bikes!</i>	4 pm – 7 pm
September 15	Open House	Gyro Park <i>Next to the Farmers Market!</i>	9 am to 3 pm

Design Workshop

The open houses will also kick off the next big milestone for the work, a “charrette”. This multi-day design workshop will produce form and character design guidelines which are a key component of the Official Community Plan. A team from MODUS Planning, Design & Engagement will be in town from Sept. 18-21 to run the charrette that will involve the Task Force and City staff. As part of the charrette, residents are invited to attend a presentation on Sept. 17 at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre from 7 pm to 9 pm. At the presentation, attendees can meet the design team, and learn more about urban design best practices and the work the team will undertake for the city during the design workshop over the next few days. At the end of the design workshop, the City will host a follow up open house to share the results of the workshop with residents and invite their feedback.

September 17	Design Penticton Presentation	Penticton Trade and Convention Centre <i>Seating is limited. Please RSVP to getconnected@penticton.ca.</i>	7 pm to 9 pm
September 18-21	Design Penticton Charrette	Watch for daily video updates from the charrette on shapeyourcitypenticton.ca and through the City's social media accounts.	
September 22	Design Penticton Open House	Gyro Park <i>Come back to the Farmers Market to see the illustrations created through the charrette.</i>	9 am to 3 pm

Staff will take the work from the charrette and the feedback gathered at the open houses to begin development of the Official Community Plan document. For more information about these events, please visit shapeyourcitypenticton.ca.

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