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### Public input sought on Vibrant Penticton waterfront design options

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**PENTICTON** — The City of Penticton invites the community to give input on the Vibrant Penticton West Okanagan Lake revitalization project designs, which have been narrowed down to two options based on public consultation.

“A significant amount of design work has been done to map out the new face of Lakeshore Drive,” said Rod King, Chair of the Waterfront Enhancement Select Committee. “Public feedback has been extremely valuable to the process to date, and the next round will be critical as the options are narrowed down even more.”

During the last consultation, members of the public were invited to weigh in on their preferred configurations of walkways, sidewalks, parking and traffic flow. That information was used by City engineering staff and professional designers to develop drawings of Lakeshore Drive reconstruction, including the five-metre multi-use path running the length of waterfront from the S.S. Sicamous to the Peach.

Features that have been included in the designs reflect what the community said it wanted along the beach: a wide multi use path to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, flexi space to be used for parking or event uses, day moorage, handicapped beach and water access, drop off and handicapped parking areas, preservation of existing trees, enhanced green space, plazas at focal points, water fountains, showers, public washrooms, more garbage cans, recycling cans, shade and bike racks.

After considerable research on design options, there remain two choices for Lakeshore Drive: Option 1 – Two-way vehicle traffic for the length of Lakeshore Drive; and Option 2 – A hybrid option with one-way vehicle traffic in the area between Winnipeg and Power streets, and the current two-way configuration.

Preliminary cost estimates for both options have been developed and the cost for both options is essentially the same at \$7.1 million plus engineering costs and contingencies. When a final option has been selected, detailed costs will be determined.

“The City is looking at all project funding options that will not have a significant impact on general revenue. That means construction could be phased and additional sources of revenue like annual capital funds, casino reserves, gas tax funds and grants are actively being considered,” said Mitch Moroziuk, Director of Operations.

Three opportunities will be held this week for public consultation. On Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 2 to 8 p.m., staff will be at the Peach on the beach on Lakeshore Drive. On Saturday, Aug. 18, two locations will host consultation: Downtown Market (200 block) from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Cherry Lane Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those who can't make it out those days are invited to give their thoughts online. Residents can visit [www.penticton.ca/waterfront](http://www.penticton.ca/waterfront) to view an interactive presentation that will let them zoom into design drawings and review the options available. At the end of the online presentation, the public can access a link to the online survey on the two options. The presentation will be ready by Wednesday.

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