

## **Date change for Skaha Bluffs Area Boundary Extension Application Alternative Approval Process**

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**Penticton** – Staff will be bringing forward a report to Council on Oct. 3 to change the end date of the Alternative Approval Process for the Skaha Bluffs Area Boundary Extension Application from Oct. 31 to Nov. 15. The change in timeline is being proposed to address a conflict in the dates included in some of the notices prepared for the community information sessions but has the added benefit of providing more time for residents to learn about the proposal and voice their opinion.

“Through the recent community events, we are getting a lot of great questions about this application and what it means to residents,” says Anthony Haddad, Director of Development Services. “The extension will provide more time to continue the conversation with the community and prepare more of the detail residents have asked for.”

Staff are taking advantage of the change in timeline to plan an additional Open House on Oct. 14 at the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre between 10 am and 1 pm. At the Open House, residents will be able to speak with staff about the Upper Wiltse Area Structure Plan as well as the Skaha Bluffs Area Boundary Extension Application. Since the application was first presented to Council on September 19, information about the proposal has been available on [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca) and staff have hosted information sessions on September 27 and 30. A family-friendly Open House is also planned for Oct. 5 between 3 pm and 7 pm at Wiltse Elementary.

“It’s been a few years since the vision for these lands was introduced as part of the development of the Upper Wiltse Area Structure Plan in 2010 and was adopted by Council in 2014 following consultation with the community,” says Anthony Haddad, Director of Development Services. “After speaking with people at various engagement activities, we are hearing that some residents would like a refresher on the plan for the whole area and understand how it aligns with the Official Community Plan before forming an opinion on this application.”

All petitions currently received will be included under the new timeline. Residents can get copies of the petition at City Hall as well as online at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca).

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