

Next opportunity to discuss the SOEC Parking Study

(Penticton, BC – August 24, 2018) – The findings from the update to the 2015 SOEC Parking Study will be one of the topics at the upcoming open house on August 28. The City shared the preliminary findings at an open house in June which included the results of the [community survey](#) as well as the analysis of the parking demand for a typical weekday and busy weekend. The City now has information about the parking demand during a special event as well more details about how some of the options being explored could impact the overall availability and management of parking at the site. The [findings](#) are now available on shapeyourcitypenticton.ca for residents to review in advance of the open house.

“There have been lots of great discussions and suggestions about opportunities to maximize parking on site and in the area,” says Bregje Kozak, Recreation and Facilities Director. “The study is helping to fill in the gaps in the data so that we can properly consider all of the options.”

Residents who missed the first open house and want to learn more about the study and discuss some of the options being considered are encouraged to attend the upcoming open house. In addition to the results of the data collection on parking use, the open house will also include more information about options to:

- Reconfigure existing lots to maximize available parking and improve access and traffic flow
- Develop nearby lots to add new parking
- Introduce time restrictions in high demand lots to support turnover
- Implement Resident Only Parking on select streets to relieve pressure for area residents
- Create pedestrian crossings and corridors to ensure safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians throughout the site
- Install directional and wayfinding signage to increase awareness of available parking areas and help visitors navigate the site and reduce congestion.

“Our next step is to determine which of the full range of options offer the greatest value in terms of improving parking at the lowest possible cost,” says Kozak. Based on the feedback received from residents through the survey and the open houses as well as findings of the study, the City will prepare recommendations to review with Council and the community in the fall.

Residents can get involved

The SOEC Parking Study is one of the four juicy topics that will be discussed at an open house on August 28 at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. Residents are invited to drop in between 4 pm and 7 pm, enjoy a fresh juice or smoothie and share their thoughts on the SOEC Parking Study as

well as the legalization of cannabis, the future of wastewater solids management, and the modernization of the building bylaw. Anyone not able to attend the open house can review the materials and share their feedback on shapeyourcitypenticton.ca beginning August 24.

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