

Skaha Lake Park Master Plan set to start in 2019

(Penticton, BC – January 24, 2019) – The City of Penticton is gearing up to kick off a planning and community engagement process for the much anticipated Master Plan for Skaha Lake Park. Funding for the project will be sought during the City’s upcoming 2019 budget deliberations, set to commence in February.

In advance of the Skaha Lake Park Master Plan process, Council took steps during its January 22 Regular Meeting to update the City-owned Skaha Marina’s expired License to Use and Sub-License of Occupation Agreement by directing staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purpose of seeking a company interested in operating the facility for a period of two years, followed by an optional one-year extension, if needed. The Marina, which currently holds a waitlist of boaters wishing to access its 94 slips, has been without an operator since the previous agreement expired in December, 2018.

“Council determined it was important to keep Skaha Marina open to boaters while the process of engaging the public on the future of the entire Skaha Lake Park unfolds over the next year,” said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. “As the process for examining the future of the marina, along with the park as a whole, gets underway, people of all interests, whether boaters or park users, will have ample opportunities to shape the Master Plan document for this treasured and popular park.”

“Staff will be bringing forward a request to commence the Skaha Lake Park Master Plan process as part of the 2019 budget process. This planning process will involve significant community and stakeholder engagement and we look forward to working with the community on this important park land and regional community asset,” said Director of Development Services, Anthony Haddad.

The Skaha Lake Park Master Plan process is expected to commence in early 2019.

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