

Early interest in Heritage Conservation Areas for OCP

(Penticton, BC – February 8, 2019) – Early results from a survey of residents of Windsor Avenue and the K Streets show strong support for a proposal to designate these neighborhoods as Heritage Conservation Areas in the new Official Community Plan. The City wrapped up the information sessions about the proposal this week and is now collecting feedback from the residents of the affected areas.

“Most of the people who have responded to the survey are very supportive of the proposal to protect the character of the neighborhoods and in particular, agree with the restrictions on the height and the roof pitch of possible renovations and new developments,” says Special Projects Manager Ben Johnson who is leading the work for the City. “Those that are not supportive have questions about their ability to develop their property as they would like as well as the potential impact on property values and the costs to renovate.”

Residents can find answers to these questions and a link to the feedback form at www.shapeyourcitypentiction.ca. “There were lots of great comments and questions from the attendees at the information sessions which we have captured and posted for everyone to consider,” says Engagement Strategist JoAnne Kleb. “There is still a week left to provide feedback and we are hoping to hear from as many residents in these areas as possible.”

The City mailed out notices to 418 addresses to inform affected residents about the proposal and invite them to the engagement activities. The four information sessions hosted by the City were attended by 143 residents and the City has received over 60 feedback forms to date. Anyone who missed the presentation can watch a recorded version and complete the survey at www.shapeyourcitypentiction.ca. The City is collecting feedback on the proposal until February 15. Paper copies of the feedback form are available at City Hall and the library.

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