

Coyote Cruises requests lease in Riverside Park

(Penticton, BC – May 3, 2019) – Council will formally hear a request from Coyote Cruises to lease a portion of Riverside Park at their meeting on May 7. The river channel tube rental and transportation business currently has a 5-year license-to-use operating agreement at 215 Riverside Drive. They are requesting a 20-year lease in order to secure financing to fund a number of improvements planned for the operation.

“The City is following the public process outlined in the Park Land Protection and Use Policy to review Coyote Cruises’ request to lease land in Riverside Park,” says Director of Development Services Anthony Haddad. “To date, it has been brought forward to an open Council meeting and has been shared with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC). They are now seeking Council’s support to take the next step and bring their request and proposal to the community for consideration.”

Coyote Cruises is a business of the K’ul Group. Their vision is to improve the existing infrastructure and buildings, add a concession and shaded seating area, and integrate the culture of the Penticton Indian Band into discoveries along the channel. The proposed lease incorporates the existing license area and lands on either side totalling .16 hectares within Riverside Park.

“If Council supports moving the request forward in the process, this next step provides an opportunity for Coyote Cruises to test their concept with the community,” says Haddad. “Once they have a final proposal, approval from the Penticton electorate will also be required before the lease can be granted.”

The presentation materials that will be shared with Council are now available as part of the agenda at www.penticton.ca. If Council supports initiating community engagement, more information about the process and the project will be shared through www.shapeyourcitypenticton.ca.

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