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Be prepared for emergencies with a grab-and-go bag

Are you ready for an emergency? In the event of an emergency like a wildfire or landslide, you may be advised to evacuate with little notice. Having a grab-and-go bag ready with all your essentials and important documents can help make emergency situations a little less stressful. You don't need to invest in a fancy duffle bag; an old backpack works just as well. Many items that should be included in a grab-and-go bag are probably already in your home. Learn what to include and how to personalize a bag for everyone with you at preparedbc.ca/grab-and-go.

Sign up for emergency alerts

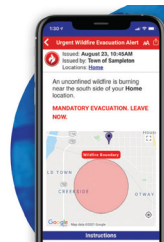
Don't be left out in the event of an emergency. Sign up for Voyent Alert! emergency notifications at penticton.ca/subscribe.

You can explore free resources, tools and tips for how to get started, as well as how to stay informed during an emergency, at penticton.ca/emergency-management.



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2025 Local Government (summer) By-election key dates

As Penticton returns to the polling stations this summer, important key dates are outlined below. Please note all voting opportunities will be held at the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre (273 Power Street).

- August 13: Advance Voting Day 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- August 14: Advance Voting Day 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- August 23: General Voting Day 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

For more information about the summer by-election, visit penticton.ca/elections.

Upcoming events



Pow Wow Between the Lakes (July 18-20): This event brings together eight bands of the Okanagan Nation Alliance in celebration of Syilx culture and resilience. penticton.ca/powwow



Ribfest (July 25-27): Always a fun time with plenty of BBQ food, live music and more. penticton.ca/ribfest



Peach Festival (Aug. 6-10): One of the highlights of summer, this free, family-friendly event features daily entertainment, concerts, a parade and so much more. A Park 'n' Ride service is available. penticton.ca/peach-fest



Save the date! Council Open House

The next Council Open House will be held at the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre on Oct. 29 from 4 - 7 p.m.

This will be your opportunity to review the proposed budget for 2026 as well as the draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan and more (to be announced). This is a family-friendly event with refreshments provided. Watch for more details at penticton.ca.

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Watch for traffic safety improvements around schools

The City of Penticton is making positive strides in its goal to encourage active transportation to and from schools.

In September, the City and contractors will begin work on 'Safe Routes to School' studies for Wiltse and Queens Park Elementary schools. This process involves working with the school communities to learn more about how children are travelling to school – and how to create more opportunities to encourage active transportation.

Studies were conducted this year at Columbia Elementary and Skaha Elementary (due to open in September). Plans have also been completed for Uplands and Carmi Elementary.

Some new initiatives that may be implemented as a result of the studies include adding sidewalks or cycling facilities, improving crosswalks, installing traffic calming, addition of 'Kiss & Go' zones, which is a designated drop-off area that keeps the flow of vehicles moving or encouraging active transportation concepts such as a 'Drive to Five' or walking/riding school bus.

Learn more at pentiction.ca/safe-routes.

Stage 1 water restrictions in place

Turning on the sprinklers? Be aware that water restrictions are now in place until Aug. 31. These conservation measures are an important step to ensure we can keep up with our community's demand for clean drinking water during the dryer months. Get the full details at pentiction.ca/water.



Annual pool closure Aug. 9 - Sept. 25

The pool will be closed Aug. 9 to Sept. 25 for its annual maintenance and cleaning. Other areas of the Community Centre will remain open, though the fitness room will be closed for regular maintenance from Aug. 11-13.

For more updates and full schedules, visit pentiction.ca/recreation



It's roadwork season: Plan ahead and arrive on time

The City of Penticton will be completing a number of projects related to infrastructure replacement and upgrades as well as surface and traffic safety improvements across the city this summer.

Eckhardt Avenue: Construction will begin this summer to complete necessary underground infrastructure upgrades along Eckhardt Avenue, as well as upgrading surface infrastructure to include raised bike lanes and continuous sidewalks between Main Street and Government Street. You can sign up to receive updates about this project directly to your inbox at pentiction.ca/eckhardt.

Ontario Street: Also beginning this summer, changes to Ontario Street include closing the entrance off Government Street/Haven Hill and installing a multi-use path that will connect up to the Penticton Creek pathway on Forestbrook Drive.

Kinney Avenue to Green Avenue W: Traffic safety improvements will address neighbourhood concerns related to speeding and shortcutting on residential streets from Kinney Avenue to Green Avenue W and from Cornwall Drive/Paris Street to Skaha Lake Road. An information session for residents in this neighbourhood will be held on Wednesday, July 23 from 5 - 7 p.m. at McGregor Park (2458 McGregor Drive).



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