

September 7, 2021 - Council Meeting Highlights

First Things First Okanagan – Climate Action in Penticton

Lori Goldman and Danni Anderson were in attendance and spoke regarding the urgency to confront the climate crisis, concerns locally in the city and provided some potential actions to help combat climate change.

Lakeshore Drive Neighbourhood Heritage Protection

Council directed staff to review the heritage conservation values on Lakeshore Drive, Front Street and the Windsor area. Council referred the resolution to the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee.

Location of Council Meetings

The September 21, October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, December 7, 2021 Regular Council and November budget meetings will be held at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre, 273 Power Street to safely allow in-person participation.

Animal Control Service Transition

Council gave first, second and third reading to “Animal Control Bylaw No. 2021-02”, a bylaw that repeals the Responsible Dog Owner Bylaw No. 2015-27, and establishes regulations for the proper care of animals in the community. Council also gave first, second and third reading to “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-16” and “Municipal Ticketing Information Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-17”, bylaws to enforce provisions of the new Animal Control Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw.

Council supported a mid-year budget amendment adding \$14,000 to the 2021 Animal Control budget. Council also approved \$20,000, from the capital reserve, for the improvements to the Animal Control facility to accommodate housing other animals and the ALERT program.

License to Use Agreement – Penticton Community Gardens Society

Re: 480 Vancouver Avenue

Council referred to Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation of the renewal of a three-year License agreement to the Penticton Community Gardens Society for the use of a portion of 480 Vancouver Avenue (Vancouver Hill).

Three Year Transit Expansion Plan

Council supported Transit Service additions in part of the City’s Three Year transit expansion plan by expanding the custom service by means of Taxi supplement and also including the following changes to the bus routes:

- Expand service to Upper Wiltse via route 1
- Expand service to Sendero Canyon via route 4

The proposal for the increase in frequency of route 5 will be delayed until the completion of the BC Transit Future plan.

Development Variance Permit PL2021-8940**Re: 182 Van Horne Street & 175 Abbott Street**

Council denied the request for the permit to allow vehicle access from the street for a duplex development at 182 Van Horne Street & 175 Abbott Street.

Request for Remedial Action Requirements**Re: 989 Kilwinning Street**

Council declared the carriage house at 989 Kilwinning Street to be in hazardous condition as the structure is in contravention of City bylaws and potentially jeopardizes the health and safety of occupants and neighbouring properties. Council imposed remedial actions that require the owners to take action no later than 4:30 pm on January 31, 2022.

Development Variance Permit PL2021-9081**Re: 160 Sendero Crescent**

Council approved a permit at 160 Sendero Crescent to increase the maximum height of a retaining wall located within a required yard from 1.2m to 2.4m above approved grade.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-30**Re: 649 Burns Street**

Council gave first reading to "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-30", a bylaw to rezone the north portion of 649 Burns Street from RM2 Low Density Multiple Housing to RD2 Duplex Housing: Lane.

Public consultation for OCP change from Parks to Detached Residential**Re: South Beach Drive and Sudbury Avenue**

Council directed staff to begin public engagement, including referral to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, on the change in Official Community Plan (OCP) future land use designations from Parks to Detached Residential, for the following properties: 270 South Beach Drive, 274 South Beach Drive, 278 South Beach Drive, 280 South Beach Drive, 286 South Beach Drive, 292 South Beach Drive, 298 South Beach Drive, 300 Sudbury Avenue.

The engagement results and recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee, will be presented back to Council prior to introduction of OCP and zoning amendment bylaws.

Penticton as a Festival Capital

Council directed staff to engage and collect feedback from appropriate stakeholders on a festival capital proclamation for Penticton.

Notice of Motions

Mayor Vassilaki introduced the following Notice of Motions for consideration at the October 5, 2021 meeting of Council:

1. To make "Community Safety" the focus of the 2022 Budget.
2. To include funds in the 2022 budget discussion for three (3) additional RCMP Officers.
3. To include funds in the 2022 budget discussion for four (4) additional Bylaw Enforcement Officers.
4. To include funds in the 2022 budget discussion for two (2) additional Community Safety Officers.

Councillor Watt introduced the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the October 5, 2021 meeting of Council:

That Council direct staff to look into the cost, legality and effectiveness of putting cameras in our downtown.