

# CITY news

## City congratulates Penticton Vees on new WHL franchise



Penticton City Council along with WHL commissioner Dan Near, team owner Graham Fraser and general manager Fred Harbinson celebrate the Vees joining the WHL.

Congratulations to the Penticton Vees on officially joining the Western Hockey League (WHL). The WHL confirmed that the Penticton Vees have been accepted as the league's 23rd franchise and will begin play in the 2025/26 season.

The Vees are the first expansion team in nearly two decades in the WHL, as the last expansion franchise was granted in 2006.

The estimated economic impact of a WHL franchise, for a mid-size market team, is approximately \$7.1 million in direct impact and \$14.9 million in indirect impact. The Vees will continue to play out of the 5,000 seat South Okanagan Events Centre (SOEC).

The Vees play their first WHL game against the Kelowna Rockets at the SOEC on Sept. 26, 2025.

For game schedules and ticket info, visit [soec.ca](http://soec.ca).

YOU'RE INVITED!  
**Council Open House**  
 Tuesday, May 6 | 4 PM – 7 PM  
 Penticton Trade & Convention Centre – 273 Power Street

## Save the date! Council ready to host Open House

The Council-hosted Open House returns on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Kids' activities and refreshments will be provided.

This is your opportunity to meet members of City Council (including the newly elected member) and hear about upcoming projects, plans and initiatives for the year.

You will also be able to learn how to pack a grab-and-go bag, make your emergency plan, learn about local environmental hazards and sign up for the City's new emergency notification program, Voyent Alert.

City staff will also be available to discuss and answer questions about engagement opportunities and other projects that shape our city.

Learn more about City Council at [penticton.ca/council](http://penticton.ca/council).

## Anticipate minor delays as construction ramps up

The City of Penticton is making improvements to streets and infrastructure near you.

Construction season is officially underway, with multiple projects planned throughout the community.

Residents should anticipate minor delays and traffic flow changes in the coming weeks and months, including along South Main Street, the neighbourhood surrounding Penticton Avenue at Kensington Street and the Duncan Reservoir, Eckhardt Avenue, plus minor roadworks throughout the city.

Drivers are reminded to slow down and follow the instructions on posted signage or from traffic control personnel. Watch for cyclists and pedestrians.

For construction updates, visit [penticton.ca/roadwork](http://penticton.ca/roadwork) or sign up for city news alerts at [penticton.ca/updates](http://penticton.ca/updates).



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## Water restrictions begin May 1

**Residential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions**

**Stage 1**

STAGES: 1 (NORMAL) | 2 | 3 | 4

ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES | EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Water Drop	NO WATERING ON MONDAYS	Water Drop	Water Drop	Water Drop	Water Drop	Water Drop

TIMES Automatic 12:01 am - 6 am Manual 6 am - 10 am & 6 pm - 10 pm

[www.penticton.ca/water](http://www.penticton.ca/water)

Stage 1 water restrictions will be in effect beginning May 1 as part of the City's annual efforts to ensure access to clean drinking water during the dry, summer months.

Watering days:

- **Odd numbered** street addresses may irrigate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.
- **Even numbered** street addresses may irrigate on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays only.
- No watering on Mondays.
- Townhouses and condominiums follow their street address, not their unit address. Only properties zoned RSM (Mobile Home Park) use their respective unit number in place of street address.

Watering times:

- Automatic irrigation/sprinklers are permitted to run between 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. only on designated days.
- Manual irrigation is permitted to run between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. only on designated days.

For tips on managing your water usage, visit [penticton.ca/water](http://penticton.ca/water).

## Bylaw Services ready for busy summer season

Penticton's Bylaw Services team will be increasing patrols this season and will have a greater presence throughout the downtown and at public events. Watch for them on foot or bike as they work with community safety partners throughout the city.

Have a concern? Some of the things the Bylaw Services department can assist with are:

- Unsightly property conditions or graffiti
- Excessive noise
- Obstructions on streets/sidewalks
- Littering/dumping/abandoned property on public spaces
- Removal of drug paraphernalia and sharps
- Cleanliness concerns on public property

Concerns can be reported between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. by phone (250-490-2440), email at [bylaw@penticton.ca](mailto:bylaw@penticton.ca) or online at [penticton.ca/report-an-issue](http://penticton.ca/report-an-issue).

## Walking or rolling? Share the paths

It's that time of year when people flock to the multi-use paths to walk, run, ride or roll. Remember that many of Penticton's trails are designated as multi-use pathways.



When using these paths on a bicycle, skateboard or scooter, reduce your speed and take extra care around pedestrians. Anyone walking is also reminded to be aware of their surroundings and share the space. For a local trail map, visit [penticton.ca/active](http://penticton.ca/active).

## Sign up for e-billing

Manage all your city payments, including utility bills, property taxes, licences and permits through MyCity at [online.penticton.ca/TDNL/MYCITY](http://online.penticton.ca/TDNL/MYCITY).

## Mark your calendars

**Public Works Open House:** Fun for all ages! Drop by this Open House on Thursday, May 22 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Learn about the programs, equipment and people who work behind the scenes to keep our lights on, taps flowing, toilets flushing and roads operating smoothly. Find out more at [penticton.ca/openhouse](http://penticton.ca/openhouse).

### More upcoming events:

- Starting April 19 (Saturdays): Penticton Farmers' Market
- May 6: Council-hosted Open House
- Starting May 17 (Saturdays): Downtown Community Market
- June 5-7: Ha Ha Ha Kidz Festival
- June 7: Penticton Beer Run
- July 2: Property taxes due

See the full list of upcoming events at [penticton.ca/events-calendar](http://penticton.ca/events-calendar).

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