



The City has been reaching out to citizens over the past few months and we've received a lot of great questions from residents. We are doing our best to get them answered and each month we are going to highlight a few right here in the newsletter.

For plenty more Q&A just like this, visit ShapeYourCityPenticton.ca

What is the Official Community Plan and why is the City making changes?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) guides positive change, growth and development, and is created through extensive public consultation. It describes a vision for the future of a community, lays out a future land use plan and contains guiding policies in key areas such as affordable housing, transportation, economic development and environmental protection.

The time horizon of an OCP is typically around 30 years, although it is usually reviewed and updated after five to eight years. Our current OCP was written in 2002, with an update in 2006. It has been amended more than 90

times and may not reflect Penticton's evolving unique economy, character and priorities. Recognizing that the OCP is in need of a comprehensive review, Council approved a program to update the OCP in July 2016.

The OCP planning program will be launching early this year and will take about 18 months to complete. There will be community engagement throughout, including open houses, workshops and meetings. These will take place in various parts of the city and will focus on the big picture and on different themes. City Council has also approved the creation of an OCP Task

Force, a group of citizen volunteers who will share ideas and advise staff and Council on engagement, process and technical issues. Members will bring unique perspectives on business, housing, seniors and youth, infrastructure, parks and recreation and so on. The City is currently seeking volunteers with the intent to form the Task Force in early February.

For more information on the OCP planning process, contact the planning program lead Ben Johnson at ben.johnson@penticton.ca or through City Hall reception at 250-490-2400.

Should Memorial Arena be repaired or should we build a new arena?

The City is currently providing basic maintenance at Memorial Arena to keep it operational until a decision is made on its future. A cost analysis suggests that approximately \$6 million is required to keep Memorial in service and about \$13.5 million would be required to upgrade it to NHL ice and bring it in-line with current building codes. The estimated cost of building a new facility is around \$17 million.

Third-party engineering and cost reports are available online at ShapeYourCityPenticton.ca

A citizen task force has been selected to provide a recommendation to Council on how to deal with the City's two aging arenas; Memorial is 66 years old and McLaren Arena is 45. The task force will be considering the needs of the user groups, the condition of existing facilities, the useful life of upgraded versus new facilities, historical value, and the financial impacts and funding options. The task force met for the first time on Jan. 9 and is targeting to have their recommendation prepared by June 30. The 14-member task force is made up of six citizens representing the primary arena user groups and eight citizens from the community-at-large.



Stewart Ladyman (left) and Larry Lund (right) pictured in front of Memorial Arena were voted Chair and Vice-Chair of the Arena Task Force.

MEET US

...who we are

Who works for the City and what do they do?

Each month we shed some light on who does what around City Hall as well as the numerous other facilities and operations managed by the City.

Council Meetings 101

- City of Penticton Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall
- Council Meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. and reconvene at 6:00 p.m. if a Public Hearing is required and to discuss land matters
- Upcoming agenda items along with any supporting documents are posted on the City website on the Friday preceding the meeting
- When necessary, Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings are held in conjunction with Council Meetings
- Committee of the Whole meetings are a forum to discuss issues before they are advanced to a Council Meeting for decision, they are also an opportunity to hear presentations from delegations
- Meetings are streamed live and can be viewed online at www.penticton.ca and subsequently archived on the City's website along with the meeting minutes
- The public are welcome to ask questions of Council regarding any of the items on the day's agenda



Name: Peter Weeber

Position: Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Start date: January, 2017

Primary responsibilities: The CAO is the sole employee of the Mayor and Council and is responsible for overall City operations

What do you see as the biggest issues facing the City?

While the City certainly is facing some challenges, I see more opportunities – that is what attracted me to the City of Penticton. Local governments have incredible ability to effect positive, meaningful change at a speed that can't be matched by other levels of government. I spent most of my life in public service and my youth in the shadow of my father – a Mayor and Councillor of 23-years. I know what can be accomplished when Council, the corporate team and the community align. Alignment does not mean we will agree on every issue. It means that we all understand and respect the process Council follows, and that the decisions they make represent the values of the entire community.

How are you going to put your stamp on City Hall?

As a coach, they say, you are only as good as your team. We have a great team in place, so my role is to support the corporate team and Council on

how to move the community forward from what we can all agree has been a challenging period in City history. I've chosen Penticton as my home, so I'm all in – all in with the team, Council and all in with the community.

What part of your past experience will be most beneficial to the issues facing Penticton?

My personal leadership style is heavily influenced by my work in Emergency Services and private sector management. As the only employee of Council, my role is to support and assist Council in the development of policies that ensure that we are doing the best we can to deliver our product of 'customer service'.

I've lived and worked in communities in difficult economic environments where our residents were fully engaged. A healthy community is rich in conversation. My door is always open to anyone that is willing to take the time to respectfully share information that we can use to improve the way we do business.

Meet your Council

COUNCILLORS

Helena Konanz	Tarik Sayeed
Andre Martin	Judy Sentes
Max Picton	Campbell Watt

MAYOR Andrew Jakubeit

Want to contact your elected officials? Call 250-490-2400 and you will be connected, or visit www.penticton.ca/contactcouncil to send them an email.

For more information on Council proceedings contact the Deputy Corporate Officer: angie.collison@penticton.ca 250-490-2400