



The City has been reaching out to residents over the past few months and we've received a lot of great questions. 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 2017 ITU World Championships?

The 2017 ITU (International Triathlon Union) Multisport World Championship Festival is a 10 day event featuring six World Championship races coming to Penticton August 18 – 27. The inaugural 2017 ITU Multisport World Championship Festival is a brand new event for this year. In previous years there were six world championship races hosted in separate cities on different



dates and now ITU has brought all disciplines into a single venue to create a more exciting event.

The 10-day festival will see up to 5,000 athletes and 7,000 visitors from as many as 50 countries vie for world championship status in six events including Penticton's signature event, long distance triathlon. Unlike past triathlons in the City, Penticton 2017 will feature athletes racing for their country after qualifying through their national federation.

Each race will consist of various categories such as Elite, U23, Junior, ParaTriathlon, Age Group and Open Wave. Penticton 2017 will host National Triathlon Federations from

many countries including Canada, the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Japan, Spain.

The event is the culmination of Penticton's long involvement with triathlon and the thousands of local residents who have devoted their time and effort to organizing, sponsoring, volunteering, training and competing over the past three decades. A successful event in 2017 will provide opportunity for another host-city bid in 2022.

Want to volunteer?

Check out your volunteering options at www.penticton2017.com/volunteer

How can I be prepared for an emergency wildfire evacuation?

British Columbia has seen countless wildfires break out all around the province with many losing their possessions and homes and having to relocate to one of the nearest evacuation centres. Wildfires are a natural part of our ecosystems, contributing nutrients to help plants reproduce and create vegetation. By choosing to live in forested areas, we become more exposed to the danger of wildfire. But it is possible to live safely with this natural event.

There are simple ways to prepare yourself in case of an emergency wildfire evacuation. The most

important thing is to be prepared with both your home and your personal belongings.

Keep your grass watered and mowed, prune trees that least 2 metres up from the ground, and remove any leaves from your gutters.

For more information on how to keep you and your home safe visit:

- Fire Smart Canada
- Prepared BC
- penticton.ca

Evacuation Prepared Checklist:

- First aid kit
- Battery powered radio
- Flashlight and batteries
- Non-perishable food items
- Cellphone and charger
- Local maps
- Bottled water
- Full tank of gas in your car
- One folder containing all important documents

Meet Us!

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.



Name: David Kassian

Position: Community Sustainability Coordinator

Start date: April, 2016

Primary responsibilities: Manage daily solid waste operations, conduct recycling education, and Climate Action Reporting to the provincial government.

What is a typical day-in-the-life for you?

A typical day can vary greatly depending on the week. During recycle collection week, I spend the morning through lunch conducting curbside recycling audits. During audits, I travel higher density areas and see what people are putting in their recycle cart and leave behind an educational sticker advising them of any non-recyclable materials that were present in their cart. Afternoons I work with residents who have had missed collections, conduct recycling education, or work on educational materials. During yard waste collection week, I focus on researching sustainability initiatives, and compiling data for the City's provincial requirement of reporting our Greenhouse Gas emissions.

Is there a unique aspect of your job that most people don't realize you do?

While the majority of my time is spent 'talking trash', I get to use my environmental background for the purpose of Climate Action Reporting. The City of Penticton is obligated to report our Greenhouse Gas emissions, and steps we take to reduce our emissions, to the provincial government and the public. Alongside reporting our emissions, we make publically

available what the City is doing to increase sustainability and reduce our environmental impact. This can be reviewed at www.penticton.ca.

What is one of the best things about working in Penticton?

It's a tough choice between the weather and the residents. Some of my best days have been working in the sunshine, engaging with residents who are keen on learning more about recycling and the garbage cart program.

What's one of your favourite things to do here in Penticton?

I have a small family and we appreciate Penticton's parks and recreation spaces. In our spare time after work, we enjoy grabbing our towels, an ice-cream cone, and heading down to Lakawanna Park to play in the splash park or on the jungle gym. During the winter months we enjoy swimming at the Recreation Centre or going to the local ski hills for some snowshoeing and tobogganing.

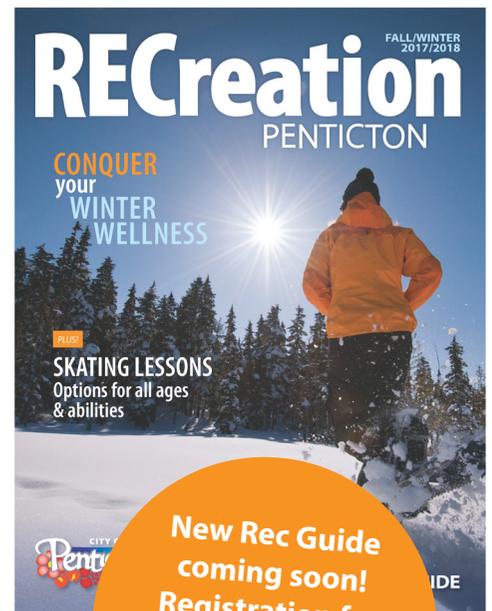
What is something that you think the public should be more aware of when it comes to recycling and sustainability?

While our recycle sorting facilities in British Columbia are advanced and highly technical, they cannot process packaging such

David's Top 5 Recycling Tips:

-  Plastic bags and overwrap are not recyclable in your recycle cart or dumpster. They can be recycled at J&C Bottle Depot or Campbell Mountain Landfill.
-  Hazardous items such as propane tanks, medical sharps, and batteries are not recyclable from home.
-  Do not bundle recycling together in shopping bags, please place loosely in your recycle cart or dumpster.
-  Gently clean and rinse any soiled containers.
-  Not sure if something is recyclable? Call the recycle hotline toll-free at 1-800-667-4321.

as plastic bags, overwrap, glass, and polystyrene (Styrofoam). To properly recycle these items you can take them to J&C Bottle Depot or to Campbell Mountain Landfill.



New Rec Guide coming soon! Registration for Fall/Winter programs starts August 23rd