



## Work on OCP moves into final phase

A move to more multi-family residential development in existing neighborhoods and less new development in the hillsides is one of the shifts that residents advocated in the development of the new Official Community Plan. Staff shared the draft policies of the plan at a series of public events this fall.

“At this point, we have had over 3,000 in-person interactions with residents in the community to draw from in creating the draft plan,” says Ben Johnson, special projects manager with the Planning Department. “The directions in the OCP directly reflect what we have heard from the community over the past year while incorporating innovative ideas and best practices in transportation, sustainability and building liveable communities.”

The draft OCP includes seven policy areas, 35 goals and more than 150 policies to guide development in the city and manage growth for the next 30 years. Some of the key features of the plan include:

- Ensure Penticton retains its compact footprint to protect the natural environment and agricultural lands
- Ensure a range of housing types, sizes and forms exist in all parts of the city to provide housing options for all ages, household types, incomes and tenure
- Ensure that as neighborhoods grow and change, a sense of place and character is maintained
- Support, protect and enhance agriculture as a central component of Penticton’s economy, character and identity
- Create a transportation system that supports all ages, abilities,



Jill Bateman, member of the Task Force, was on hand to discuss the OCP at an open house held at the Penticton Seniors’ Drop-in Centre in September.

and modes of mobility, helps meet environmental objectives and uses infrastructure responsibly

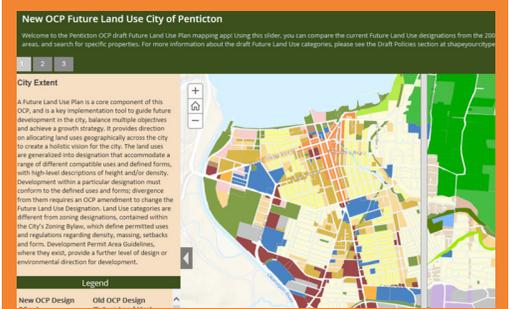
- Ensure that Penticton continues to adapt and thrive in the face of a more extreme climate and sudden events such as wildfires and floods
- Expand public art reflecting the city’s history, culture and natural environment in prominent public spaces, new development, existing neighborhoods and along the waterfront and trails
- Recognize the value of history and heritage to create a sense of place and belonging for residents, and an incentive for those to visit from elsewhere
- Provide, protect and promote public parks, natural areas and trails in Penticton

Staff are now refining the policies and the materials based on the feedback gathered over the past month. In the last phase of engagement, staff will continue to refine the content and confirm

the direction with the community. “While we have heard a lot of positive feedback and support for the direction, we are also hearing that it is a lot to digest,” says JoAnne Kleb, Engagement Strategist. “We are looking at options to make it easier for all members of the community learn more about the plan and what it could mean to them.” All of the draft materials as well as information about upcoming engagement opportunities is available at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca).

### Future Land Use Map

As part of the creation of a new Official Community Plan, the City will also prepare a new Land Use Map. You can try a working model of the proposed future Land Use Map at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca).



# Safe 'Sharps' disposal plan

To assist local efforts aimed at safely managing discarded needles (Sharps), Penticton City Council, during its May 22 Committee of the Whole meeting, adopted three resolutions recommended by a coalition of community partners who, in the interest of addressing this growing problem, created and introduced the Sharps Disposal Strategy. To support the strategy, City staff, working in conjunction with the coalition, have now finalized plans to operationalize the following resolutions:

- Identify and confirm where Sharps disposal drop boxes can be most effectively located on City properties, such as parks, washrooms and buildings;
- Install drop boxes at these City properties; and
- Provide information on the City's website that educates the public on where drop boxes are located, provide safety guidelines for

disposing of needles and share further details on the sharps disposal strategy.

"Providing sharps disposal units has proven effective in other Canadian communities to reduce the number of needles discarded in public spaces. It is really about accessibility and increasing options for disposal," says Ian Gerbrandt, a Program Director with OneSky Community Resources. "OneSky is proud to be working with the City and community partners to pilot this new program in Penticton and augment efforts in harm reduction and community safety."



## Sharps Disposal Unit Locations

- Creekside Trail
- Industrial Ave Trail
- Okanagan Lake Park
- Public Library
- Shanghai Lane/200 Block Main Street lane
- Rose Garden Walkway
- Marina Way
- Fairhaven Housing
- Penticton United Church

## Small business, big impact

Save energy and costs in your business with these three top tips.

**1. Install programmable thermostats.** Program them to set back the heat in unoccupied areas and when your business is closed.

**2. Maintain your heating system.** Have your heating system serviced once a year by a licensed contractor to ensure it operates safely and efficiently.

**3. Save hot water.** Install water-efficient faucet aerators and

showerheads in washrooms and high-efficiency pre-rinse spray valves in dishwashing areas.

For more energy-saving tips, visit FortisBC's website.

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