

Official Community Plan

During the month of June, City staff sought one last round of feedback from the residents on the new Official Community Plan (OCP). Over the last two years, meetings and events have been regularly organized with citizens and the OCP Task Force to help shape Penticton's long range plan.

"During the three June meetings we asked each attendee 'did we get it right?'" said Director of Development Services, Anthony Haddad. "The feedback we received indicated there is support for many of the ideas presented in the plan".

The final version of the OCP will be presented to Council this summer.



Residents review display boards of the OCP Draft at one of the Open Houses in early June.



"Being a member of the task force and being part of the OCP development has been both educational and rewarding," says Sue Moccia, Official Community Plan Task Force Chair. "Over the course of the nearly two-year process we have had some great discussions about what it will take for Penticton to realize the vision of

and healthy community and we hope residents will be excited about what this journey of planning will ultimately lead to."

Want to take a look? Visit www.shapeyourcitypenticton.ca to review the Draft OCP and other supporting documents.

Fairview Road becomes Rory Mclvor Way

During the March 5, 2019 Regular Council meeting, Council supported the change in name of a portion of Fairview Road to Rory Mclvor Way. The public attended an unveiling ceremony of the new street sign May 30.

"It's always a great opportunity to recognize an active member of our community," says Mayor John Vassilaki. "After all of the years Mr. Mclvor spent giving back to our city, we are happy to be able to do something to remember him for his many contributions."

Rory Mclvor was the Penticton Library Director, a position he held for 27 years. He passed away in November 2017. In addition to being Library Director, Mr. Mclvor contributed to the community in various ways including acting on the Board of Governors for Okanagan College and the Director of the Okanagan Summer School of the Arts. Mr. Mclvor was also a past City Councillor from 2002-2008 and was the founder of the South Okanagan Community Foundation.



Council, Mr. Mclvor's family, member of the Penticton Library Board and Library staff commemorate the new street sign.

The ceremony took place in the Penticton Museum/Library Lobby and was attended by members of Mr. Mclvor's family, Penticton City Council, members of the Penticton Library Board and Library staff.

Time for Recreation Penticton to swap systems

The City of Penticton is upgrading the recreation software it uses to manage client memberships and passes, program registrations and facility bookings. As the current CLASS/Reg-e system is outdated and technical support is no longer available, the City will switch to PerfectMind, a cloud-based recreation management system, later this summer.

“Initially, clients will be able to set up and manage their personal and family accounts and register for programs using a new and easier-to-use web page,” says Recreation Business Supervisor, Kelsey Johnson. “We hope to implement more features of the system in the future and continue to improve the connection between residents and the City’s parks, recreation and cultural services.”

The switch will mean some changes for registered users. Anyone who has an active account used in the past two years will be migrated to the new system. All of the users’ current registrations and account information will also be moved over. Community Centre swipe cards will also work with the new system and will not need to be replaced. Anyone who has not actively used their account in the past two years will need to set up a new account. It will still be possible to register by phone and in person.



Recreation Business Supervisor, Kelsey Johnson, navigates through new recreation registration software.

Johnson expects the City will migrate nearly 15,000 active accounts on the first day of operation. “With any change in a computer system, you can expect some bumps and a learning curve as it is implemented. We are targeting launching the new system before registration begins for the busy fall programs but we won’t be able to confirm the actual date until much closer,” says Johnson.

For more information, please visit www.penticton.ca/recreation.



Parking change reminder

Motorists are reminded that parking changes are set to take effect along Lakeshore Drive, from Winnipeg St. through to Power St.

From June 1 to September 30, 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, three hour parking only will be in place along this section of Lakeshore Drive.

“We thank motorists for observing the parking summer hours during this busy time of year” said Bylaw Supervisor, Tina Siebert.



FireSmart begins at home

Below are tips to FireSmart your property to help reduce the risk from wildfire:

- Shrubs, trees, deadfall, unnecessary storage and wood piles should be removed
- Keep grass watered and mowed
- Trees should be pruned at least two meters up from the ground
- Surrounding trees should be pruned and thinned

For more information, please visit firesmartcanada.ca.

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