

**Special Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting**  
to be held via Zoom and in person, Council Chambers  
Tuesday, May 12, 2026  
at 3:00 p.m.

1. **Call Special Committee Meeting to Order**

*We acknowledge that Penticton, where we live and work, is on the traditional lands of the Syilx People in the Okanagan Nation.*

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the February 18, 2026 Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Recommendation:

*THAT the Public Safety Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting as presented.*

4. **New Business**

4.1 2026 Lakeshore Seasonal Safety Update

Staff Recommendation:

*THAT the Public Safety Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the 2026 Seasonal Safety Strategy, including the following financial requirements:*

1. *\$65,000 to fund CCTV installation on City-owned infrastructure and expand the Chamber of Commerce Camera Program for Lakeshore Drive businesses experiencing high police calls for service; and*
2. *\$63,000 in capital funding for Phase 1 improvements to establish the Jubilee Pavilion as a seasonal Community Policing hub beginning in 2026, with consideration of additional capital investments to support the future stationing of uniformed police officers through the 2027 budget process.*

5. **Next Meeting**

The next regular Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on August 19, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. as the Regular meeting scheduled for May 20, 2026 has been cancelled.

6. **Adjournment**

## Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom and in person, Council Chambers  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
at 3:00 p.m.

- Present:** Michael Magnusson, Chair  
Tia Carlesimo, Vice-Chair  
Cherry Fernandez  
Scott Jacobsen  
Heather Montgomery  
James Palanio (via Zoom)  
Riley Thompson  
Alex Waddington
- Regrets:** Cheyanne Fath  
Jeff Leonard  
Holly Wakeman
- Council Liaison:** Ryan Graham, Councillor  
Campbell Watt, Councillor
- Staff:** Julie Czeck, Director of Public Safety and Partnerships  
Hayley Anderson, Legislative Assistant

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the Public Safety Advisory Committee to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Public Safety Advisory Committee adopt the agenda of February 18, 2026 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the November 12, 2025 Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Public Safety Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 3.2 Minutes of the December 17, 2025 Special Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Public Safety Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 3.3 Minutes of the February 5, 2026 Special Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Public Safety Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **New Business**

- 4.1 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan – Phase 1 Update

The Committee heard a presentation from Julie Czeck, General Director of Public Safety and Partnerships and Michelle Davey, Urban Matters on the Phase 1 Update for the Community Safety Wellbeing Plan and participated in discussions around what is working within the City and where there is area for change.

James Palanio left the meeting at 3:48 pm

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Public Safety Advisory Committee receive into the record the Memo to Committee dated February 18, 2026 titled "Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan – Phase 1 Update."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **Next Meeting**

The next regular Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on May 20, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

5. **Adjournment**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Public Safety Advisory Committee adjourn the meeting held on February 18, 2026 at 4:39 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Certified Correct:

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Hayley Anderson  
Legislative Assistant

# Memo to Committee

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**Date:** May 12, 2026  
**To:** Public Safety Advisory Committee  
**From:** Julie Czeck, General Manager, Public Safety & Partnerships  
**Subject:** 2026 Lakeshore Seasonal Safety Update

## Staff Recommendation

THAT the Public Safety Advisory Committee recommend that Council approve the 2026 Seasonal Safety Strategy, including the following financial requirements:

1. \$65,000 to fund CCTV installation on City-owned infrastructure and expand the Chamber of Commerce Camera Program for Lakeshore Drive businesses experiencing high police calls for service; and
2. \$63,000 in capital funding for Phase 1 improvements to establish the Jubilee Pavilion as a seasonal Community Policing hub beginning in 2026, with consideration of additional capital investments to support the future stationing of uniformed police officers through the 2027 budget process.

## Executive Summary:

Lakeshore Drive is a high-use waterfront corridor and key tourism destination that experiences elevated levels of late-night disturbance, noise, traffic issues, and disorder during peak summer months. Updated RCMP data shows calls for service reached their highest level since 2019 in 2025, driven primarily by nuisance and disorder-related activity rather than violent crime, which declined 15% year-over-year.

Community engagement conducted through a 2025 Council Open House and targeted 2026 survey confirmed these trends and identified public support for a visible, location-based, and comprehensive safety approach, with priority areas identified at Lakeshore Drive and Main Street, and the Peach/Rotary Park.

In response, staff are proposing a 2026 Lakeshore Seasonal Safety Strategy that combines existing resources, previously approved investments since Summer 2025, and select new initiatives requiring Council consideration to stabilize conditions during the peak summer season while establishing a scalable foundation for longer-term Community Safety and Well-Being planning. Key elements include:

- Enhanced RCMP and Bylaw patrols, RCMP reservist support, seasonal overnight private security, traffic enforcement, and lighting upgrades;
- Activation of the Jubilee Pavilion as a seasonal Community Policing hub beginning in 2026;

- Targeted camera investments on City-owned infrastructure and expansion of the Chamber of Commerce Camera Program.

**Background**

Lakeshore Drive is a high-use waterfront corridor and a key tourism and recreation destination. In recent years, both public feedback and RCMP data have identified concerns related to late-night disturbances, noise, traffic, and disorder, particularly during peak summer months. In August 2025, Council received the Lakeshore Crime Prevention Through Environmental Assessment (CPTED) Assessment and staff to return with a refined, costed safety strategy, following engagement with the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

THAT Council receive the report titled “2025 Lakeshore Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Assessment” into the record;

AND THAT Council refer the 2025 Lakeshore CPTED Assessment, including a proposal to address safety concerns along Lakeshore and Riverside Drive to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

The assessment identified limited natural surveillance, inconsistent lighting, enforcement gaps related to overnight parking and park closures, and the value of surveillance technology when used as part of a broader safety approach. During summer 2025, the City implemented short-term operational measures using existing resources, including enhanced RCMP and Bylaw patrols, fire-pit closures, lighting extensions at key recreation areas, and initial planning for cameras to protect city-owned infrastructure. This report provides updated RCMP data, engagement findings, and operational considerations to support targeted 2026 investments and longer-term Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) planning.

*Table 1. Total RCMP Calls for Service by Year*

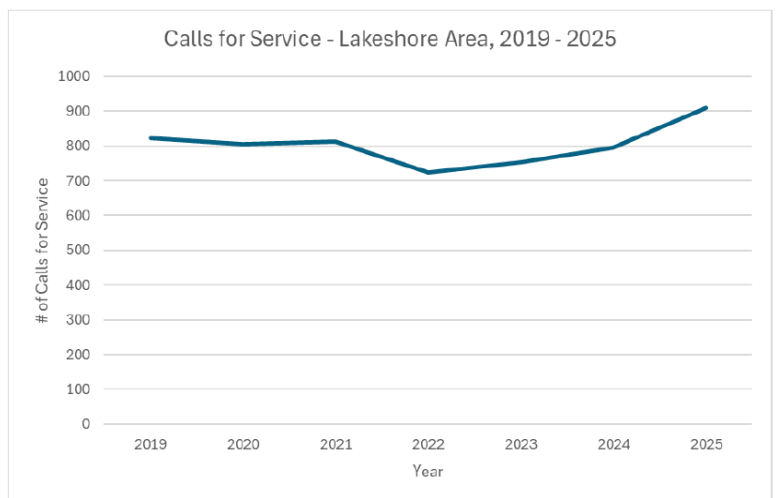
**RCMP Data Updates**

The data presented on the following two pages are provided by the RCMP. Calls for service in the Lakeshore area rose to 910 in 2025, marking the highest level observed since 2019 (Table 1).

Year	# of Calls for Service
2019	822
2020	805
2021	813
2022	724
2023	753
2024	796
2025	910

Calls for service continue to cluster heavily between 8:00 p.m. and midnight, with a summer shift toward increased late-night violent crime reports between 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. July and August see the highest calls for service – consistent with tourism trends.

Despite the overall increase in call volume in 2025, calls related to violent crime decreased by approximately 15% from 2024



to 2025 (Table 2). Violent crime calls peaked during the review period in 2024.

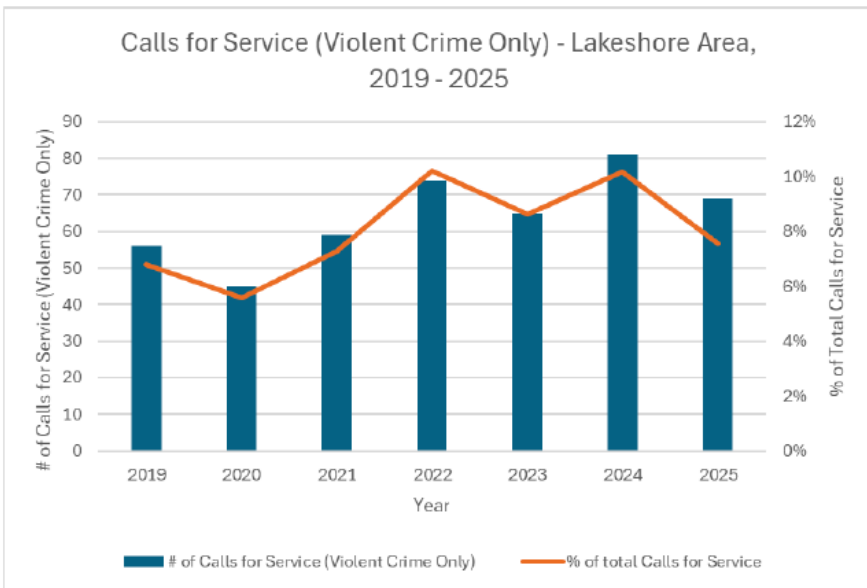
The most common call type in every year from 2019 to 2025, except for 2024, was Cause a Disturbance, followed by Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Occurrence, which was the second most frequent call type in every year from 2019 to 2025, except for 2024 where it was the most frequent call type. Table 3 outlines the 2025 top calls for service.

*Table 2. Violent Calls for Service by Year*

Year	# of Calls for Service (Violent Crime Only)	% of total Calls for Service
2019	56	7%
2020	45	6%
2021	59	7%
2022	74	10%
2023	65	9%
2024	81	10%
2025	69	8%

*Table 3. 2025 Top Calls for Service*

2025	# of Calls
CAUSE A DISTURBANCE	101
SUSPICIOUS PERS/VEH/OCCURRENCE	89
TRAFFIC-OTHER MOVING PROV	73
CHECK WELL-BEING	70
UNSPECIFIED ASSISTANCE	47
TRESPASS ACT	34
ASSAULT-COMMON	28
PROPERTY-FOUND	27
THEFT-OTHER UNDER \$5000	22
BYLAW-NOISE	22



Alcohol and drugs consistently account for approximately 16 to 22% of all calls for service annually (Table 4). A smaller subset, roughly 2 to 3% of all calls, involves both violence and alcohol or drugs. The introduction of the Liquor Consumption (Designated Public Places) Bylaw No. 2021-44, permitting alcohol consumption in designated Lakeshore areas in 2023 coincides with 2022–2023 representing peak years for violent, alcohol-related calls as a proportion of overall demand. Since then, these calls have stabilized to levels more consistent with pre-pandemic trends.

*Table 4. Calls for Service Alcohol/Drugs and Violence (2019–2025)*

Year	Total Calls for Service	Calls Involving Alcohol/Drugs	% of Total Calls	Violent Calls Involving Alcohol/Drugs	% of Total Calls
2019	822	145	17.6%	16	1.9%
2020	805	143	17.8%	15	1.9%
2021	813	149	18.3%	20	2.5%
2022	724	160	22.1%	22	3.0%
2023*	753	156	20.7%	24	3.2%
2024	796	130	16.3%	20	2.5%
2025	910	162	17.8%	17	1.9%

### Community Engagement

Engagement began with a Council Open House in October 2025. Based on historical RCMP call-for-service data, and findings from the CPTED, staff identified three focus areas along Lakeshore Drive where safety concerns were most consistently raised. These focus areas were used to structure discussion at the Open House and were carried forward into subsequent engagement to ensure continuity and actionable feedback. The three focus areas were:

- Focus Area 1: Lakeshore Drive and Main Street, a high-activity intersection with significant pedestrian, vehicular, and late-night use;
- Focus Area 2: Peach and Rotary Park, a destination park area with seasonal crowds, programmed events, and evening activity; and
- Focus Area 3: Riverside Drive, Skate Park, and Loco Landing, a youth-oriented recreational area with extended evening and nighttime use.

Using engagement boards participants at the Open House were asked to share concerns related to safety, visibility, enforcement, traffic, noise, and nighttime activity along the Lakeshore. Feedback highlighted that residents want a comprehensive strategy rather than stand alone solutions, with enforcement and visibility as the most important component of a plan.

Building on the Open House feedback, staff undertook targeted engagement with Lakeshore residents and business property owners in February 2026 to further validate themes and prioritize actions within each focus area. An online survey was distributed to properties located within approximately 100 metres of Lakeshore Drive using

mailed invitations with unique access codes to ensure localized input. A total of 64 residents and business property owners participated.

Survey results identified Lakeshore Drive and Main Street (Focus Area 1) as the highest priority area (42%), followed by the Peach and Rotary Park area (Focus Area 2) at 33%. Consistent with Open House feedback, respondents supported a multi-faceted safety approach rather than stand-alone measures. Priority actions included increased visible enforcement, improved traffic safety and speed management, and more effective management of noise and late-night activity. Additional concerns included vehicle racing, excessive noise, e-bike and scooter use on shared pathways, and the need for tree pruning or landscaping to improve sightlines. Taken together, these engagement efforts provide a consistent, location-based foundation to inform priorities and guide investments in Lakeshore safety initiatives. Attachment A includes the full engagement report.

### **The Proposed 2026 Lakeshore Seasonal Safety Strategy**

Community safety improvements take time and sustained resourcing. For this reason, staff are recommending an incremental approach that focuses on taking action during the peak season, tracking results, and adjusting each year based on data and community feedback. The 2026 strategy addresses immediate summer pressures while laying the groundwork for longer-term Community Safety and Well-Being initiatives. The approach combines existing resources, previously approved funding, and a small number of new initiatives requiring Council consideration as part of the 2026 decision-making process.

#### *Existing Resources (No New Funding Required)*

Using existing capacity, scheduled RCMP and Bylaw Services foot patrols will be deployed during peak evening hours throughout the summer season, inclusive of bike patrols. Patrols will be supported by RCMP reservists and will focus on visibility, deterrence, rapid response, and public engagement in high-activity areas. In addition, RCMP officers will complete administrative duties from parked vehicles in identified Lakeshore hotspot locations, increasing visibility without additional operational costs. Given province-wide RCMP capacity pressures associated with the FIFA Games this summer, the use of reservists and enhanced visibility measures is intended to support local coverage, recognizing that RCMP resources will be shared across multiple jurisdictions during this period.

#### *Previously Funded Measures (Since Summer 2025)*

Several initiatives approved since summer 2025 will further support Lakeshore safety objectives. As part of Council's February 2025 decision related to the Temporary Use Permit for the Temporary Winter Shelter, staff were directed to assume overnight private security costs, up to \$120,000 annually, in place of a facility lease.

The city recently transitioned to a new private security provider for City-owned facilities, resulting in improved service delivery and cost efficiencies. As a result, overnight security in the Industrial Area has been delivered under budget and expanded to support multiple locations, including the Dawson Shelter, Compass Shelter, and Burdock House. These efficiencies allow for the seasonal extension of overnight private security along Lakeshore Drive from May through September (9:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.) within the existing approved funding envelope. Services will include vehicle and foot patrols focused on observation, deterrence, and reporting crimes in progress to police. If fire pits become an issue, staff will coordinate with

private security to implement a late evening closure time, with fire pits reopening the following morning at the end of the scheduled shift.

Parking enforcement will also be strengthened through expanded overnight enforcement along Lakeshore Drive and Skaha Lake, supported in part by two new seasonal Bylaw Enforcement Officers funded through the approved 2026 Budget. Additional summer traffic enforcement will include targeted RCMP traffic blitzes. Data collected through these efforts will inform longer-term traffic calming solutions, which Engineering is exploring in coordination with planned road resurfacing in fall 2026.

In addition, lighting upgrades to pier railings and the Rotary Point walkway are underway as part of the Pier Renewal capital project and are included within the approved project budget. These improvements are intended to enhance visibility in an area that has historically experienced low lighting levels. Given the significant capital cost associated with lighting infrastructure, staff will monitor outcomes to assess impacts on calls for service and reported incidents and to inform future investments.

### *New Actions Requiring Council Decisions*

Visible law enforcement presence is a central component of the 2026 Lakeshore Safety Strategy. To strengthen on-site visibility, staff propose activating the Jubilee Pavilion as a seasonal Community Policing hub, locating policing resources directly within the area experiencing the highest concentration of safety concerns. Beginning in 2026, the Pavilion would host RCMP Community Policing Programs, with future expansion to include uniformed members as part of the Community Safety Unit.

Establishing a consistent presence at this location is intended to enhance deterrence, support relationship-based policing, and provide a clear and accessible point of contact for residents, visitors, and businesses.

Security planning is underway in coordination with the RCMP to meet federal security requirements and ensure the Pavilion can accommodate both Community Policing and, in future phases, uniformed members. This phased approach allows for timely activation while supporting longer-term enforcement goals.

- Phase 1 (Summer 2026): Subject to interior renovations, the Community Policing Team could occupy the Pavilion by late June 2026.
- Phase 2 (Summer 2027): Additional capital improvements, to be considered through the 2027 budget process, would enable uniformed members to operate from the Pavilion as part of the broader Community Safety Unit.

The estimated cost for Phase 1 improvements is approximately \$63,000. If Council endorses this component of the plan, the staff will install "Coming Soon" signage and a user-initiated video intercom connection to the RCMP detachment (approximately \$2,000). Any audio or video functionality would be purpose-limited, clearly communicated to the public, and compliant with privacy legislation and best practices. The intercom will not be used for continuous monitoring or recording.

Staff also propose targeted investment in CCTV on City-owned infrastructure at priority locations along Lakeshore, including pump stations, pier facilities, the Jubilee Pavilion, the Peach area, SS Sicamous, and exterior of public washrooms. City-owned buildings and infrastructure are subject to recurring vandalism, resulting in avoidable damage, service disruptions, and increased demands on staff and maintenance

resources. Vandalism and damage to City infrastructure have steadily increased year-over-year; since 2021 the City has spent nearly \$400,000 in documented costs to manage impacts, highlighting the need for enhanced preventative measures. The estimated cost to CCTV cameras is approximately \$40,000.

Finally, staff recommend expanding the Chamber of Commerce Camera Program to additional Lakeshore Drive businesses experiencing high RCMP call volumes. Businesses in this area are directly impacted by recurring vandalism, theft, and disorder, affecting customer safety, operations, and economic vitality. While cameras would remain owned and operated by participating businesses, requirements related to placement, signage, and privacy considerations would be achieved with an amended grant agreement. The estimated cost of this program expansion is \$25,000.

Across all initiatives involving monitoring or data collection, staff have applied a privacy-by-design approach. Measures are intentionally limited in scope, transparent, and supported by documented privacy assessments to ensure legislative compliance and to mitigate legal, regulatory, and reputational risk.

### **Financial implication**

Preliminary cost estimates for the recommended 2026 initiatives are approx. \$128k. The \$65k required for the camera investments is to be funded through the Financial Stabilization Reserve. The \$63k required for the capital improvements for the Jubilee Pavilion will be funded through a budget reallocation of funds from the 2026 RCMP secure parking capital project that will not be fully completed this year. Multi-year initiatives will require future capital and operating funding, subject to Council approval through future budget cycles.

### **Analysis**

Public safety challenges along Lakeshore Drive are primarily driven by seasonal population increases, late-night activity, and recurring nuisance behaviour. While violent crime was not a primary driver of calls for service in 2025, ongoing disturbances, noise complaints, traffic issues, and disorder-related incidents continue to affect operational demand and public perceptions of safety, particularly during peak summer months and evening and nighttime hours.

Community engagement findings align with this data. Residents and businesses consistently identified visible and sustained enforcement presence as critical to managing nuisance behaviour and preventing escalation. The recommended investments respond by prioritizing visibility, deterrence, and proximity, including activation of the Jubilee Pavilion as a seasonal Community Policing hub, coordinated RCMP and Bylaw patrols, overnight parking enforcement, and private security deployment, aligned with both the timing and locations of identified pressures.

Environmental conditions also contribute to safety outcomes. CPTED analysis identified inconsistent lighting, obstructed sightlines, and poorly defined activity areas as factors reducing natural surveillance and contributing to late-night disorder. Proposed lighting upgrades, targeted CPTED interventions, and selective use of technology address these conditions, with monitoring in place to inform future investment decisions.

Technology-based measures, including CCTV, are positioned as support tools rather than stand-alone solutions, and are most effective when integrated with visible enforcement and clear operational protocols.

Privacy-by-design principles and completed Privacy Impact Assessments support proportional use and risk mitigation.

Overall, the proposed 2026 Lakeshore Seasonal Safety Strategy reflects an evidence-informed and measured response that aligns enforcement, environmental design, and selective technology use with observed data and community input, while allowing for incremental adjustment through ongoing monitoring and integration into the City's Community Safety and Well-Being framework.

**Attachments**

Attachment A – Lakeshore Safety Engagement Report

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Czeck, GM Public Safety and Partnerships



## Lakeshore Drive Safety Improvements Engagement Report

February 25, 2026

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## 1.0 Overview

The City of Penticton is taking proactive steps to enhance public safety along Lakeshore Drive, one of our community's most valued waterfront corridors. Recognizing both the importance of this area and the concerns raised in recent years, the City has identified three focus areas (see section 2.1 for the complete description of each Focus Area) along Lakeshore Drive and developed proposed safety improvements for consideration.

### Background

Over the past five years, the Lakeshore area has averaged approximately 750–800 RCMP calls annually. Between 2023 and 2024, 110 violent incidents were reported in this area. Approximately half of these incidents occurred between 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., and nearly half involved victims under the age of 25, with 15% involving youth under 19.

In response to these trends, the RCMP Community Policing team conducted a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) safety review. Key concerns identified included:

- Poor visibility around beach fire pits
- Inconsistent lighting in certain areas
- Limited overnight enforcement of park rules

### Actions Already Taken

The City and its partners have already implemented several measures to improve safety and visibility in the area:

- **Joint Patrols:** RCMP and Bylaw Services increased foot and vehicle patrols throughout the summer, including overnight enforcement.
- **Relocation of Community Policing:** Penticton's Community Policing office will move to the Jubilee Pavilion (next to the Peach concession) to enhance visibility and accessibility.
- **Fire Pit Closures & Monitoring:** Fire pits were temporarily closed from August 1 to October 14 due to wildfire risk. Seasonal patrols will continue to focus on maintaining appropriate usage during permitted park hours.
- **Camera Planning:** Staff are working with a vendor to assess surveillance needs, guided by privacy considerations and public-space best practices.
- **Lighting Upgrades:** Lighting at the skate park and basketball courts now remains on from dusk to dawn to improve visibility in high-use areas.

Building on these actions, the City is now seeking community input on which focus area is most critical to address and which safety features should be prioritized. Local residential and business property owners were mailed a survey invitation on January 30, 2026, and feedback was collected until February 22, 2026.

## 2.0 Survey Participation

Local residential and business property owners were invited to provide feedback on proposed public safety improvements along Lakeshore Drive. Respondents were asked to review the identified focus areas and proposed changes, and to indicate which area they believe is most critical to address, as well as which safety features should be prioritized. Feedback was collected through an online survey. Local residential and business property owners were invited to the survey via addressed letters. Each letter contained a unique survey code that participants used to access and complete the survey.

## 2.1 Focus Areas

The following section provides an overview of the three focus areas identified for potential safety improvements along Lakeshore Drive.

# Focus Area #1

## Lakeshore Drive/ Main Street

 **Proposed enhancements:** Total cost \$40K  
+ overtime seasonal costs for law enforcement

**Security Cameras**  
Strategic placement of 4 cameras to enhance surveillance and deterrence.  
Estimated cost: \$40K 

**Enhanced Seasonal Enforcement**  
Enhanced RCMP and Bylaw Services patrols during peak summer months (June–September) to increase visibility and enforce park regulations. 



## Focus Area #2

### The Peach/Rotary Park



**Proposed enhancements:** Total cost \$300–\$400K + costs of relocating community policing



#### Lighting Improvements

- ▶ **Pier Railing Lighting** – To be added post-renewal: \$25K
- ▶ **Rotary Point** – New fixtures with tighter spacing: \$150K
- ▶ **Gazebo Pathway (West of Rotary Point)** – Enhanced lighting: \$100K
- ▶ **Parking Lot (Possible Future Phase)** – No current lighting; proposed upgrade: \$125K



#### Security Cameras

- ▶ Estimated cost: \$50K
- ▶ Strategically placed to enhance visibility and support investigations.



#### Enforcement & Visibility

- ▶ **Community Policing Relocation** to Jubilee Pavillion – RCMP presence will be permanently stationed for improved visibility (costs TBD).



#### Fire Pit Management

- ▶ Fines can be issued for individuals remaining in the park past midnight, in alignment with the new **Parks Bylaw**. Enforcement efforts will focus on discouraging overnight use of parks/beaches and improving overnight parking compliance.
- ▶ Residents are encouraged to report any fire pit activity after midnight directly to the Fire Department.



## Focus Area #3

### Riverside/Skate Park/ Loco Landing Area



**Proposed enhancements:** Total cost approximately \$440K



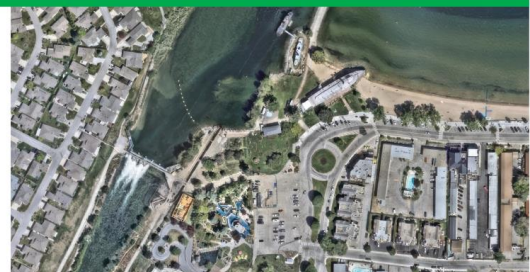
#### Lighting & Pathway Improvements

- ▶ **Walkway Bollards** – Similar to those along the skate park pathway. Estimated cost: \$75K
- ▶ **Parking Lot Lighting** – Full lighting installation for currently unlit lot at Loco Landing. Estimated cost: \$325K



#### Security Cameras

- ▶ **Strategic Placement of 4 Cameras** – To enhance surveillance and public safety. Estimated cost: \$40K

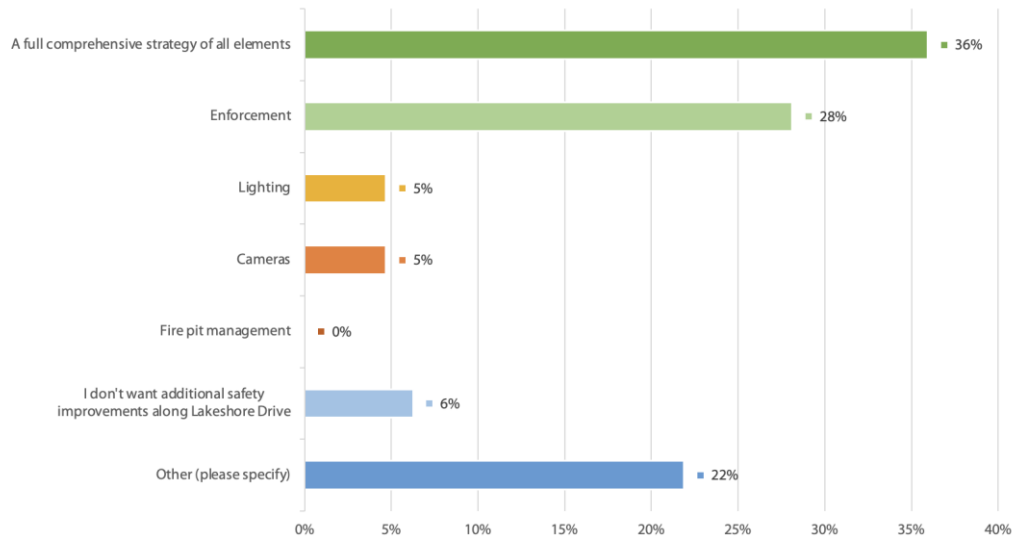


### 3.0 Survey Results

The City collected formal feedback through an online survey. In total, 64 completed survey responses were received. The following section summarizes key findings from the survey.

**Question 1.** Which proposed changes do you believe will have the greatest impact on improving safety?

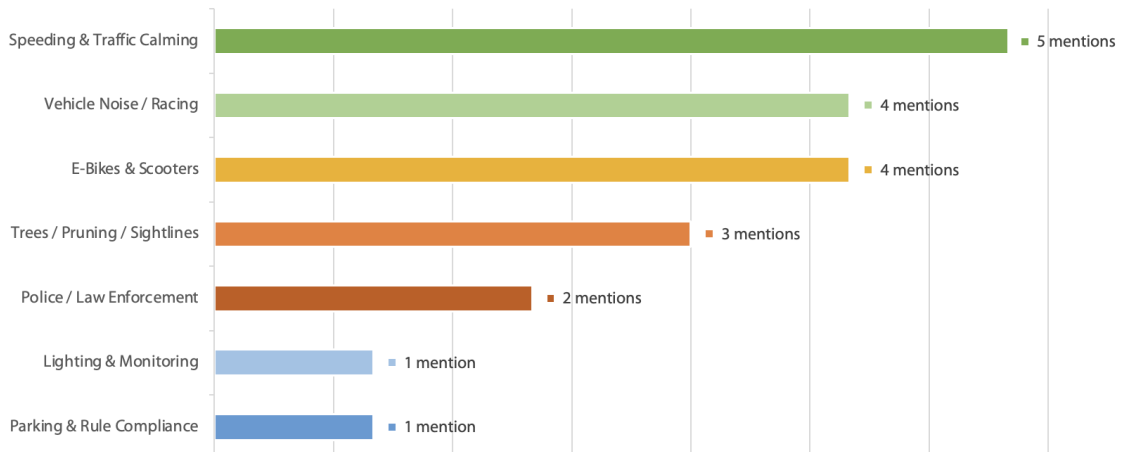
The top two proposed changes identified by respondents as having the greatest impact on improving safety were a full, comprehensive strategy incorporating all elements and increased enforcement.



Base: 64 Respondents

Key verbatim comment themes provided by respondents to the following question:

“Which proposed changes do you believe will have the greatest impact on improving safety?” for those who selected “Other, please specify”

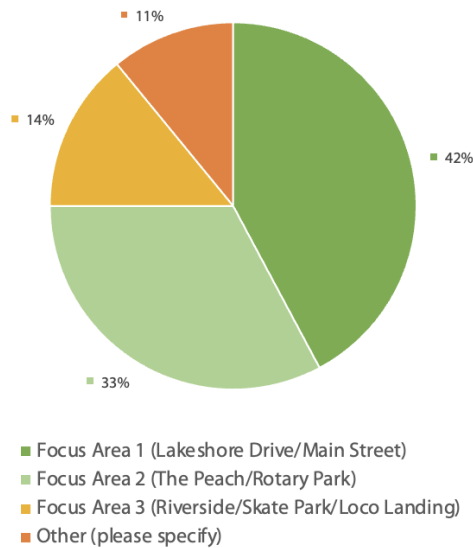


Base: 15 Respondents

**Question 2.** Which area do you believe is most critical to address violent crime along the Lakeshore corridor? (Please refer to Focus Area images)

42% of respondents identified Focus Area 1 (Lakeshore Drive/Main Street) as the most critical area to address violent crime along the Lakeshore corridor. 33% identified Focus Area 2 (The Peach/Rotary Park) as most critical, while 14% selected Focus Area 3 (Riverside/Skate Park/Loco Landing).

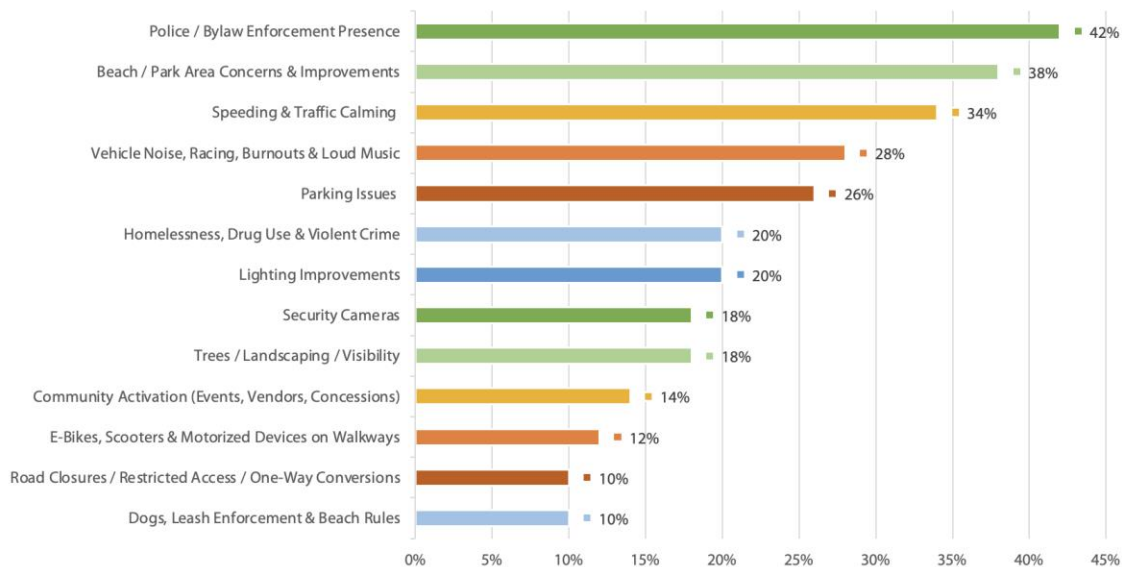
Seven respondents selected "Other," and approximately half of those responses referenced the need for enforcement presence across all areas.



Base: 64 Respondents

**Question 3.** Is there anything you think should be added or considered as part of the planning for safety improvements along Lakeshore Drive?

The following chart summarizes key themes identified through analysis of respondent verbatim comments to Question 3.



Base: 50 Respondents

The most frequently identified concern was the need for increased police and bylaw enforcement presence, particularly during evenings, overnight hours, and the summer tourist season. Many residents emphasized that visible enforcement is viewed as the most immediate and effective deterrent to unsafe behaviours.

Closely related to enforcement concerns were repeated mentions of speeding and traffic calming measures, including speed bumps, radar enforcement, speed boards, and elevated crosswalks. Residents consistently described excessive speeds as a long-standing safety issue, particularly given the high volume of pedestrians, seniors, families, and visitors in the area.

Another dominant theme was vehicle noise, racing, and late-night disturbances, with many respondents describing engine revving, burnouts, loud music, and street racing as significantly impacting sleep, sense of security, and overall neighbourhood enjoyment.

Concerns about beach and park areas also featured prominently. Respondents highlighted safety, behaviour management, seasonal crowding, and the importance of maintaining Lakeshore as a safe and welcoming public space for both residents and visitors.

Additional themes included:

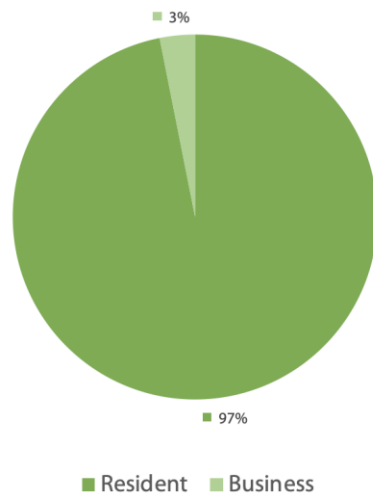
- Parking management issues, including back-in parking impacts and enforcement gaps
- Homelessness, drug use, and perceptions of violent crime
- Lighting improvements to enhance visibility and safety
- Debate regarding security cameras, with mixed support
- E-bikes, scooters, and motorized devices on shared pathways
- Dog leash compliance and beach rules
- Landscaping and sightline management
- Suggestions for road closures or restricted access during late-night hours

- Calls for community activation through events and concessions as preventative strategies.

Overall, the verbatim feedback reflects a strong desire for balanced solutions that protect public safety while preserving Lakeshore Drive as a vibrant, inclusive waterfront destination within Penticton’s diverse and seasonally dynamic community. Respondents frequently emphasized visible presence, accountability, and proactive management as key to restoring and maintaining a sense of safety for residents, seniors, families, and visitors alike.

**Question 4.** Are you a Lakeshore Drive area resident or business?

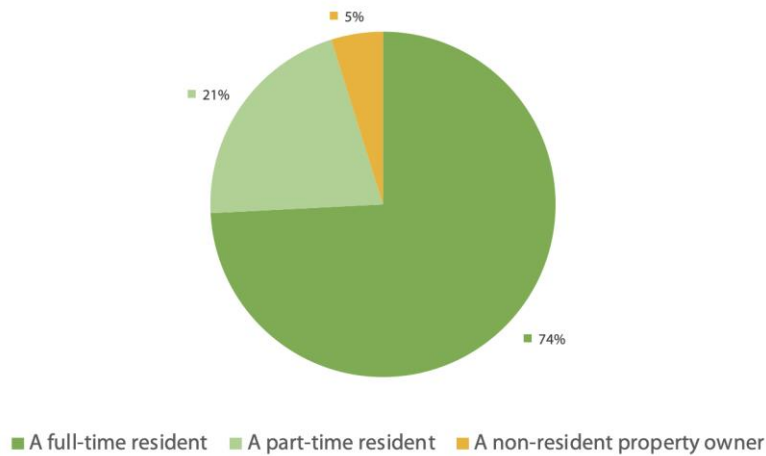
The vast majority of respondents (97%) identified as residential property owners, while 3% identified as business property owners.



Base: 64 Respondents

**Question 5.** I am...

The majority of survey respondents (74%) identified as full-time residents. An additional 21% identified as part-time residents, while 5% identified as non-resident property owners.



Base: 62 Respondents

#### 4.0 Conclusions

The Lakeshore Drive Safety Improvements engagement process provided valuable insight into community priorities and concerns. Feedback indicates a strong interest in enhancing safety along the corridor, with particular emphasis on enforcement presence, speed management, and addressing late-night disturbances.

While respondents identified Focus Area 1 (Lakeshore Drive/Main Street) as the most critical location to address violent crime, there is also clear recognition that safety challenges extend across the broader Lakeshore corridor. Respondents expressed a desire for balanced solutions that combine visible enforcement, practical infrastructure improvements, and thoughtful management of public spaces.

Overall, the feedback reflects a shared commitment to ensuring Lakeshore Drive remains a safe, welcoming, and vibrant waterfront area for residents, businesses, and visitors. The input gathered through this engagement process will help inform next steps as the City continues to evaluate and refine safety initiatives along the corridor.

## Appendix A - Engagement Timeline

The following summarizes the timeline of the online survey, which provided local residential and business property owners with an opportunity to share feedback. Invitations were distributed through a targeted mailed letter, and as a result, no public project webpage was created for this engagement process.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Jan. 30	Letter mailed to residential and business property owners along Lakeshore Drive
Feb. 22	Survey close

## Appendix B – Letter to Local Residential and Business Property Owners



**City of Penticton**  
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February 5, 2026

Dear Resident or Business Owner

Re: **Providing Input on Proposed Safety Improvements Along Lakeshore Drive**

The City of Penticton is taking steps to improve **vibrancy and safety along Lakeshore Drive**, one of our community's most active and high-use corridors.

Based on recent reviews and community concerns, the City has identified **three key focus areas** along Lakeshore Drive where safety improvements may be needed. For each area, a set of **potential safety changes** is being considered.

We are inviting **local residents and businesses** to help guide next steps by sharing:

- Which **area you believe is most critical** to address
- Which **safety features or improvements** you would like to see prioritized
- Your feedback on options, recognizing that **final decisions will depend on budget availability**

Your input will play an important role in shaping City priorities and ensuring that any improvements reflect the needs and experiences of people who live, work, and travel in the area. Feedback collected will be used to inform future options presented to the City's public safety committee and Council.

### How to Participate

Feedback is being collected **through February 22, 2026**.

<https://www.shapeyourcitypenticton.ca/embeds/projects/50866/survey-tools/57350>

You can share your input by completing the City's survey or participating through other engagement channels provided by the City. Here is a link and QR Code to the survey. Once you access the survey, please enter Your Unique Survey Code: **[CODEDISPLAYED]**

