

**Special Accessibility Committee Meeting**  
to be held via Zoom and in person in Council Chambers  
Friday, June 26, 2026  
at 9:30 am

1. **Call Regular 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 April 22, 2026 Special Accessibility Committee Meeting

Recommendation:

*THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the minutes of the April 22, 2026 Special Accessibility Committee meeting as presented.*

4. **New Business**

Collyer 4.1 Draft Esplanade Renewal Plan

Staff Recommendation:

THAT the Accessibility Committee receive into the record the report dated June 26, 2026 titled "Draft Esplanade Renewal Plan";

AND THAT the Accessibility Committee recommend that Council endorse the Draft Esplanade Renewal Plan (Attachment A).

**Next Meeting**

The next regular Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2026 at 9:30 am via Zoom and in-person.

5. **Adjournment**

**Special Accessibility Committee Meeting**  
held via Zoom and in person in Council Chambers  
Wednesday, April 22, 2026  
at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** Trisha Kaplan, Chair  
Leanne Williams, Vice-Chair  
Kristi Bauman  
Randy Boras  
Ron Crawford  
Heather Miller  
Grant Pattingale  
Krista Russo

**Council Liaison:** Julius Bloomfield

**Staff:** Julie Czeck, General Manager of Public Safety and Partnerships  
Hayley Anderson, Legislative Assistant

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the Accessibility Committee to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the agenda of April 22, 2026 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the July 9, 2025 Special Accessibility Committee Meeting

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the minutes of the July 9, 2025 Special meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3.2 Minutes of the September 23, 2025 Special Accessibility Committee Meeting

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the minutes of the September 23, 2025 Special meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 3.3 Minutes of the February 27, 2026 Special Accessibility Committee Meeting  
**It was MOVED and SECONDED**  
THAT the Accessibility Committee adopt the minutes of the February 27, 2026 Special meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Leanne Williams joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

4. **New Business**

4.1 Roundtable Check-in

Mayor Bloomfield joined the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

4.2 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan – Phase 2 Engagement

The Committee heard a presentation from Julie Czeck, General Manager of Public Safety and Partnerships and Michelle Davey, Urban Matters on Phase 2 Engagement for the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan and participated in discussions around what a safe and well community means.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Accessibility Committee receive into the record the report dated April 22, 2026 titled "Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan – Phase 2 Engagement".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **Next Meeting**

The next regular Accessibility Committee meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2026 at 9:30 am via Zoom and in-person.

6. **Adjournment**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Accessibility Committee adjourn the meeting held on April 22, 2026 at 3:42 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Certified Correct:

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Hayley Anderson  
FOIPPA and Records Management Specialist



# Memo to Committee

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**Date:** June 26, 2026  
**To:** Accessibility Committee  
**From:** Steven Collyer, Housing & Policy Initiatives Manager

File No: RMS/6520-20

**Subject:** Draft Esplanade Renewal Plan

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## Staff Recommendation

THAT the Accessibility Committee receive into the record the report dated June 26, 2026 titled "Draft Esplanade Renewal Plan";

AND THAT the Accessibility Committee recommend that Council endorse the Draft Esplanade Renewal Plan (Attachment A).

## Background

The Esplanade Renewal Plan carries out one of the top priorities of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2018) by creating a master plan for Esplanade Park, including the Okanagan marina area, using a comprehensive public engagement process. Aging facilities, expiring leases, and lack of a coordinated vision for the area led to this area plan being developed.

In November 2024, Council approved funding to create an area plan for public lands in the Esplanade area, including the Okanagan marina, tennis courts, and Esplanade Park.

Staff completed two rounds of extensive public engagement to develop the plan. Phase 1 set the vision and direction of the plan (May-June 2025), and Phase 2 sought feedback on updated design concepts in alignment with what was heard in Phase 1 (Nov-Dec 2025).

On March 17, 2026, Council directed staff to include four key components into the Esplanade Renewal Plan. The four key components staff were directed to include in the plan have been incorporated in the following ways:

| Key Component  | Implementation Actions   |
|--|--|
| Engineering design work on trail connection between Esplanade and KVR trail. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff have engaged an engineer to complete the design and cost estimating for this top priority project.</li> <li>• Staff are applying for Trans Canada Trail grant funds to support this project.</li> <li>• Council will consider trail funding options at a future meeting or through budget deliberations.</li> </ul>   |
| Process to enable marina facilities redevelopment.                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff are working on preparing a report to Council seeking direction on next steps, in conjunction with the final Esplanade Renewal Plan.</li> <li>• Background work is underway to prepare for this process.</li> </ul>  |
| Relocation options for Penticton Tennis club to provide improved amenities.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff have worked in collaboration with Penticton Tennis Club to investigate relocation options on other City-owned properties with opportunities for enhanced facilities.</li> <li>• The collaborative work has identified several potential options to further consider, including McLaren Park, Skaha Lake Park, Power Street, and Munson Mountain.</li> <li>• Preliminary cost estimates show a range in impact for new courts (not including any amenities) at these locations from \$1.25M to \$2.0M.</li> <li>• Further work is needed to narrow down an alternate location, including engagement with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, for this medium-term initiative.</li> <li>• The draft plan recognizes the need to have the amenity replaced prior to removing it from the Esplanade area.</li> </ul> |
| Designate the eastern beach for non-motorized watercraft.                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The updated concept illustrations show a new launch and improved access to this beach for non-motorized watercraft users.</li> <li>• More space is envisioned for access, launch, water-based clubs and vendors, as well as paddle sport storage.</li> </ul>  |

On June 9, 2026, Council received the draft Esplanade Renewal Plan (Attachment 'A') and directed staff to refer the draft plan to Council committees, user groups, and make it available for public review before bringing back the plan and any updates to a future Council meeting.

### Financial Implication

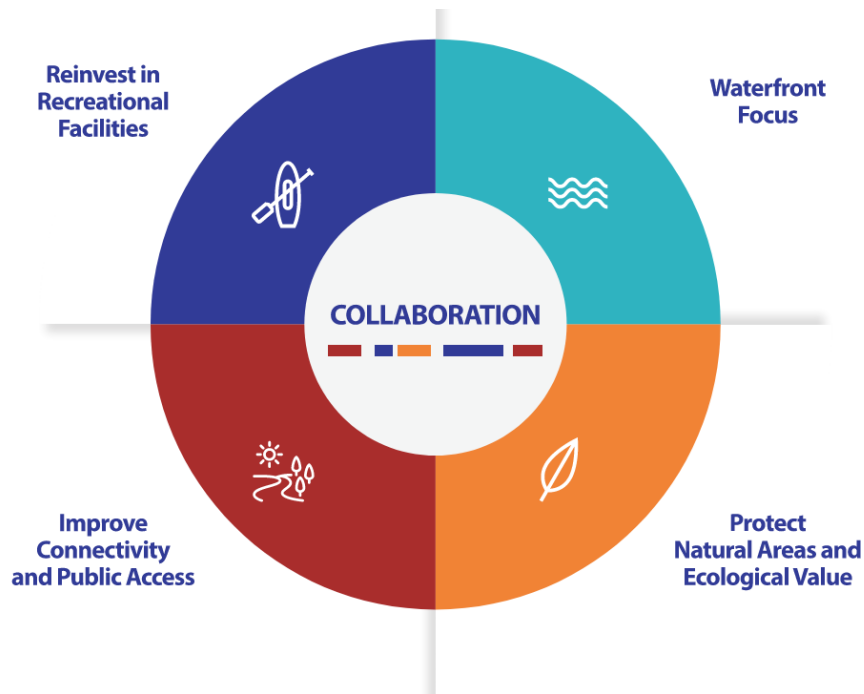
All work on the Esplanade Renewal Plan has occurred within the approved project budget.

The cost estimates in the draft Esplanade Renewal Plan represent anticipated ranges for implementing the priority projects, in 2026 dollars. Inflation over time and the extent of features provided in each project will impact the final costs. Potential funding sources are listed and grant opportunities will be pursued to reduce expenses where eligible grant funds are available.

Individual projects will be funded through future Council budget deliberations and decisions. Up-to-date cost estimates will be provided at that time, recognizing this plan has a 25-year horizon and cost fluctuations occur over time.

## Analysis

The Esplanade Renewal Plan objectives (p.16) are based on public feedback:



The Esplanade Renewal Plan contains implementation policies (p.17-19) describing how these objectives will be carried out over the plan's 25-year horizon.

Specific projects in the plan will help realize this vision. The project sheets (p.21-29) include descriptions, priority levels, and cost estimates. These will be further refined as individual projects advance and are funded through future Council budget deliberations, with the opportunity for grant funding to lower the costs of many projects.

Overall, the Esplanade Renewal Plan is an actionable plan for renewal and reinvestment in this underutilized waterfront area and natural park, while respecting the environmental values, cultural heritage, and recreation needs of the community. This plan sets a vision rooted in community interests to enhance this unique area of the city for generations to come.

## Next Steps

The comments and recommendation from the Accessibility Committee will be shared with Council when they make a decision on approving the Esplanade Renewal Plan, expected this summer.

Implementation will be carried out through the policies and projects contained within the plan, pending future budget deliberations and decisions by Council.

## Alternate Recommendations

The Accessibility Committee may choose to make an alternate recommendation to Council, if the committee feels certain changes are needed in the plan. If this is the case, the committee may choose the alternate recommendation:

1. THAT the Accessibility Committee recommends the following changes be implemented in the draft Esplanade Renewal Plan prior to Council endorsing the plan:
  - a. *(list from committee)*

**Attachments**

Attachment A – Draft Esplanade Renewal Plan

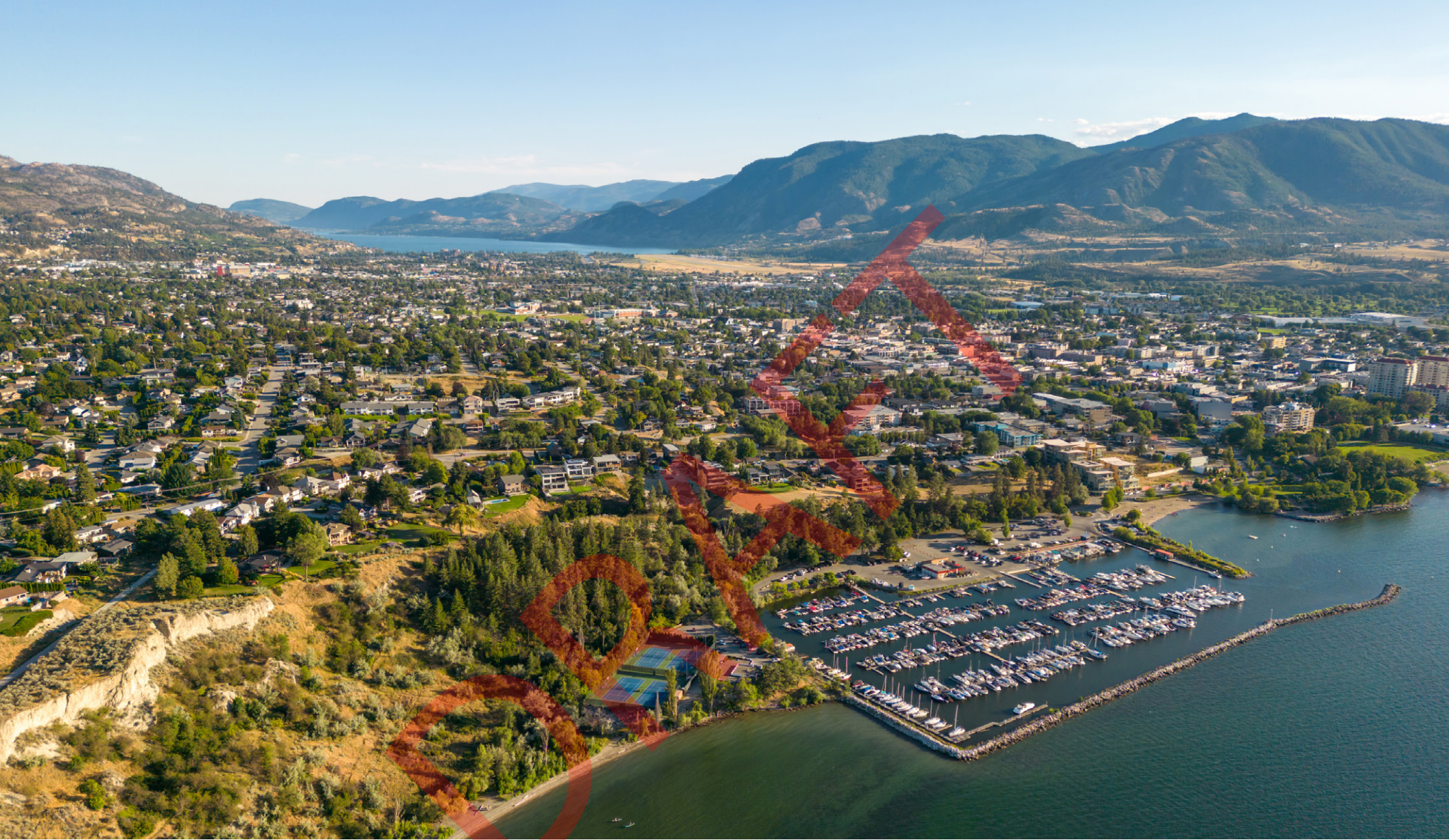
Respectfully submitted,

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General Manager  
of Development  
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# ESPLANADE RENEWAL PLAN

REVITALIZATION AND REINVESTMENT STRATEGY – JUNE 2026

CITY OF PENTICTON







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# CURRENT USE INVENTORY



## **Yacht Club Building/Rusty Anchor Restaurant (1964)**

Building contains a restaurant, patio, washrooms, office and storage spaces. Building experiences sporadic flooding and is nearing end of life.



## **Tennis courts (1976)**

Managed by the Penticton Tennis Club. The Club has completed upgrades to the courts over time. Courts currently require resurfacing.



## **Former Yacht Club Building (1976)**

Building condemned in 2020 and damaged beyond repair. Proposed to be demolished.



## **Public washroom building (1965)**

One of the older City-owned washroom buildings, however remains fully functional.



## **Disc golf course (2015)**

Managed by the Penticton Disc Golf Club.



## **Natural Beach and Informal Trails**

Walking and biking occurs in these areas.

# PLAN ORIGINS AND STRATEGIC PLANNING CONTEXT

The Esplanade Renewal Plan advances strategic planning priorities from the city's Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Official Community Plan.



## Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2018)

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) guides the development and operations of park assets and amenities in Penticton. One of the main priorities of the PRMP is the development of a master plan for Esplanade Park, including the marina area, using a comprehensive community engagement process.

The PRMP noted the Esplanade area has great potential as a natural park, but has experienced challenges including unregulated camping, risks of fire, exclusive license to use areas, private encroachments into park land, and invasive plants. Opportunities for this area include its excellent views, unique habitat and wildlife, interpretive opportunities and the area's relationship to the waterfront.

The PRMP envisions redevelopment of the lower area into a shoreline City-wide park with some mixed recreational use development behind it. This reinforces the desire for a stronger connection to the waterfront in this area. The PRMP also envisions a trail connection to the KVR trail with future extension opportunities towards Munson Mountain and Campbell Mountain, with a 'waterfront to mountain peak' theme.

The Esplanade Renewal Plan advances the identified need in the PRMP for a master plan of this area.



**Official Community Plan (2019)**

The Official Community Plan (OCP) sets out the overall future vision for Penticton's land use, economic development, environment, cultural history, parks, recreation, and transportation. The OCP recognizes environmentally-sensitive areas through the Environmental Development Permit Area. The OCP supports the identification and designation of silt bluffs for conservation-oriented parks and protected areas.

An environmental assessment report was completed to inform the Esplanade Renewal Plan, identifying the highly-sensitive areas with ecological value for protection and opportunities for enhancements and replanting.

The OCP supports establishing nature-oriented parks within city limits and preparing management plans to guide their protection, use, restoration,



*Environmental Development Permit Area extent in the Esplanade area. Orange indicates environmental protection areas with higher sensitivity than environmental assessment areas indicated in yellow.*

enhancement and management. Trail connections are important too, with the OCP directing the creation of a more interconnected trail network between the lakes, schools, parks and recreational facilities. In waterfront parks, the OCP seeks the protection of beaches and provision of appropriate, safe and sensitive water and beach-oriented outdoor recreation opportunities.

The Esplanade Renewal Plan aligns with the OCP by balancing improved walkability, connectivity, and recreational amenity reinvestment with

environmental protection and respecting the natural habitat and cultural history of the Esplanade area.

More information on the environmental assessment report is included in the Technical Considerations section of this plan.



# FOCUS ON PARTNERSHIPS

How the Esplanade Renewal Plan is carried out matters. Achieving the vision set out in this plan requires partnerships. Working together in partnership with user groups, the snpink'tn Indian Band, and the province will support successful implementation of the Esplanade Renewal Plan objectives.

## User Groups

The City will carry out the Esplanade Renewal Plan in partnership with impacted user groups in the area, including refining the design of key improvements in a collaborative manner. The City will partner with user groups to seek available grant opportunities to advance implementation projects, and work with new user groups to the area that are aligned with this plan.

## Snpink'tn Indian Band

The City will continue ongoing consultation with snpink'tn Indian Band as specific implementation measures advance including recommendations from the preliminary cultural history reviews.

## Province

The City will work with the Province to ensure appropriate approvals within the provincial leased portions are secured.



# HISTORY

## Indigenous Context

“Penticton” is derived from the nsyilxcən word for this area, “snpink’tn”, which means a place where people have always been or The Always Place. Syilx people have inhabited the Okanagan region since time immemorial. The lands on which Penticton is located are the traditional territory of the syilx Okanagan people. The shoreline and bench lands in this area are known to have supported fishing, plant harvesting, habitation, and travel for thousands of years.

This area has an abundance of tmix<sup>w</sup> (all living things) and a strong connection to siwłk<sup>w</sup> (water) which is fundamental to all living beings and future generations. Incorporating syilx Traditional Ecological Knowledge into land use planning is essential for ensuring that proposed land use activities are carried out in a way that respects and sustains tmix<sup>w</sup> (all living things).

Through developing this plan, the City commissioned a preliminary

archaeological review completed by a registered archaeologist and snpink’tn Indian Band səx<sup>w</sup>təxłam’ (Natural Resources) staff and knowledge keepers. The City will continue working with snpink’tn Indian Band and completing further archaeological reviews as key action items from the Esplanade Renewal Plan are implemented. Specific shared opportunities include habitat and cultural restoration, educational signage, invasive species management, long-term monitoring and cultural interpretation opportunities.

## Settlement History

The earliest recorded reference to this area as the ‘Esplanade’ appears on an 1892 map for a small townsite on Okanagan Lake that would become Penticton. For decades there was a rail connection where lake barges linked up with the rail line, serving as a key transportation hub for local industry. Over time, the regional road network improved and waterfront-based industries, including packing houses and fruit cooperatives, transitioned into residential and recreational uses.

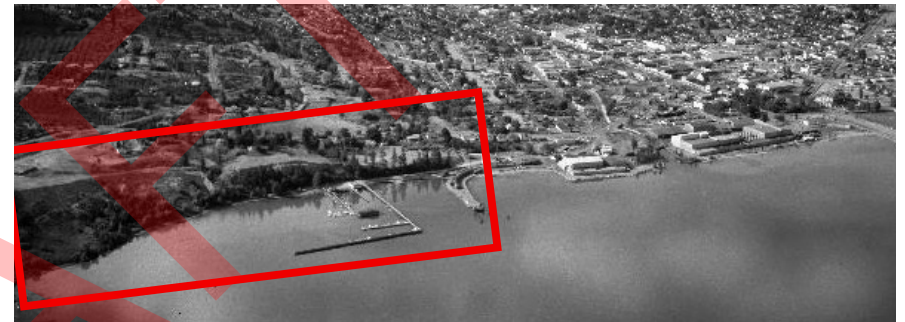
# PLAN DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



To the east of this area, the Kettle Valley Railway was operational from the 1910s until 1989, after which the railway was converted into a popular recreational trail. Just north of this area is the site of the Torpedo Gold Mine, active from the 1890s to the 1950s. The mine shaft was below lake level under Munson Mountain, and produced gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc while it was operational. The steep silt slopes and need for constant water pumping created operational challenges. Two major slide incidents trapped miners for short periods over the Torpedo mine's operations.

The Marina, first mentioned in 1946, was expanded in the early 1970s with a new breakwater and upgraded facilities by the Penticton Yacht and Tennis Club. The Tennis Courts and former Yacht Club building were constructed by the club in 1976. The joint club separated into the Penticton Yacht Club and Penticton Tennis Club around 2011.

The upper Esplanade Park is dedicated city park land and has been programmed with a 9-hole disc golf course since around 2015. Private properties abut the Esplanade Park and some have encroached into this public space over the years. License to use agreements have been issued for some of these private encroachments which act as expanded yards for private properties.



*Esplanade area highlighted in red from this photograph (circa 1960).*



# TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Various geotechnical, archaeological, and environmental considerations overlap in the Esplanade area. Technical reviews were completed to identify areas of sensitivity, inform the direction of this plan, and guide the implementation projects.

## Geotechnical

The City commissioned a geotechnical review of the area in 2012. This report was considered applicable today given there have been no significant condition changes in the area since that report was completed. The geotechnical report establishes land slip hazard areas and potential development envelopes.

There were slope failure concerns raised for the east side of the Esplanade and near the KVR, which were advised for no building development. Limited development could be considered in the lower area near Okanagan Lake, provided the buildings are set forward a suitable distance from the bottom of the slope, as determined through future project-specific review.

## Archaeological

The City commissioned an archaeological preliminary field reconnaissance report and traditional ecological knowledge keeper review in 2025 to learn more about the area's cultural history. The reports were completed in collaboration with the archaeologist and snpink'tn Indian Band səx'wətəxtam' (Natural Resources) staff. The reports identify cultural connections to this land and areas of archaeological potential, which will help inform future work in different subareas and further detailed reviews, as required.

Six areas of archaeological potential were identified through this review, requiring further archaeological review if works were proposed in those areas. Of the 17.4ha area, 1.5ha (9%) of land is within the six areas of potential. No

surface artifacts were identified during the preliminary survey, but there is high potential for subsurface archaeological materials given the cultural use of these landforms pre-settlement. This aligns with much of Penticton having moderate to high archaeological potential.

The project area lies within the traditional territory of the syilx Okanagan Nation, and the shoreline and bench lands are known to have supported fishing, plant harvesting, habitation, and travel for thousands of years. The preliminary field reconnaissance report recommends avoidance of the areas of potential, where possible, or further studies under proper permit if works were proposed in those areas. Monitoring of future works in the area is recommended, through ongoing collaboration with the snpink'tn Indian Band.





### Environmental

The City commissioned an updated Environmental Assessment Report completed in 2025. The report identified the environmentally-sensitive areas of the Esplanade and the species and habitat present. The report specifically investigated opportunities around the former yacht club building and the potential improvements to an informal trail connection with the KVR trail.

Standard riparian setbacks apply to certain works within 30 metres of the lake, with exemptions for some public and institutional works. Future works in these areas will proceed with appropriate environmental reviews, as required by legislation.

The former yacht club building is located within the riparian setback and although it has deteriorated beyond repair, there was value in preserving the building footprint until a future vision was established for the area in case it

was needed to rebuild for commercial uses. The emerging vision is to provide an open-air pavilion in this location for public and recreational purposes, meaning the old building can be demolished as the footprint is not necessary for this public use project. Demolition will occur with guidance by a qualified environmental professional to ensure no negative impacts on the adjacent riparian habitat through the course of demolition.

The future rebuilt yacht club buildings will be guided by a qualified environmental professional when rebuilding in the riparian area within the marina breakwall. The shoreline in this area has been largely disturbed and opportunities for improving the shoreline in this space will be sought while maintaining the functional use of this area for marina purposes. More detailed riparian assessment work will be completed at the detailed planning stage for the rebuild project.



**Technical Review Highlights**

**Environmental Assessment Report (2025)**

**Key Findings and Recommendations**

- Large natural areas provide high quality wildlife values for wildlife. 'High' and 'Moderate' sensitivity area should be avoided to the greatest extent possible.
- Planting recommendations include a 5-7 metre wide planted buffer at top of bank in Esplanade Park.
- No vegetation removal between April 1- July 31, or further survey is required.
- Certain uses near the lakeshore will need to comply with Riparian Areas Protection Regulations (RAPR).
- Any trail enhancement works would need to respect bird nesting windows and would require a specific restoration/planting plan.
- Interpretive signage, limited lighting, enhancement with native plants, weed and invasive species management are recommended.

**Archaeological Assessment Report (Executive Summary) (2025)**

- Six areas of potential (AOP's) were identified; landforms with characteristics strongly associated with archaeological potential.
- Archaeological monitoring during works in those areas is recommended under a Heritage Inspection Permit.
- 100m buffer around the AOP's is recommended.

**Technical Review Highlights**

**Traditional Ecological Knowledge Keeper Report (Executive Summary) (2025)**

**Key Findings and Recommendations**

- The Esplanade area and its surroundings have long been an important place for the syilx people (fishing, fish processing, harvesting area, camping, ceremonies, village life, hunting, travel corridor, hub for social interaction).
- Protect siwtk<sup>w</sup> (water) and environmentally sensitive areas.
- Key recommendations:
  - Habitat and cultural restoration, more native species planted, manage invasive species.
  - Interpretive signage.
  - Continued monitoring and restoration.
  - Opportunity for cultural interpretation in existing buildings.
  - Working together: suggest a joint working group as projects are carried out.

**Geotechnical Report (2012)**

- Slope failure concerns along east side of Esplanade near KVR. Avoid development in silt bluff areas.
- Limited development recommended in the foreshore area (i.e. buildings not greater than 4 storeys) with an appropriate 'set forward' distance from the bottom of slope determine through project-specific geotechnical review.
- Below grade construction not recommended due to high groundwater.

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public engagement was conducted in two phases in 2025 to gather feedback from the community and from user groups to inform the direction of this plan.

## Phase 1

The first phase of public engagement was conducted from May to June. The goals of this engagement were to raise awareness of the project, seek feedback on past concept designs completed in 2011, and understand the community's general future land use vision for this area.

The City received nearly 800 feedback forms through this first phase of engagement and over 150 people attended on on-site engagement session and staff-led "walkshop" tour. In addition, the City completed a thorough digital engagement strategy at this stage including a video tour of the Esplanade area and interactive signage with QR codes placed in key locations to raise awareness.

Phase 1 feedback highlighted the strong desire for additional parks and recreation amenities in this area, while respecting the environmentally-sensitive areas. The highest rated project was an improved connection to the KVR trail, reflecting a desire for trail improvements and better connectivity through the area.

## Phase 2

The second phase of engagement took place from November to December 2025. This round focused on new conceptual illustrations prepared to reflect the emerging community vision from the first round of engagement. These represent the first new illustrations since 2011.

The City sought feedback from the public on different elements of the conceptual illustrations, showing a range of potential future projects in the Esplanade including:

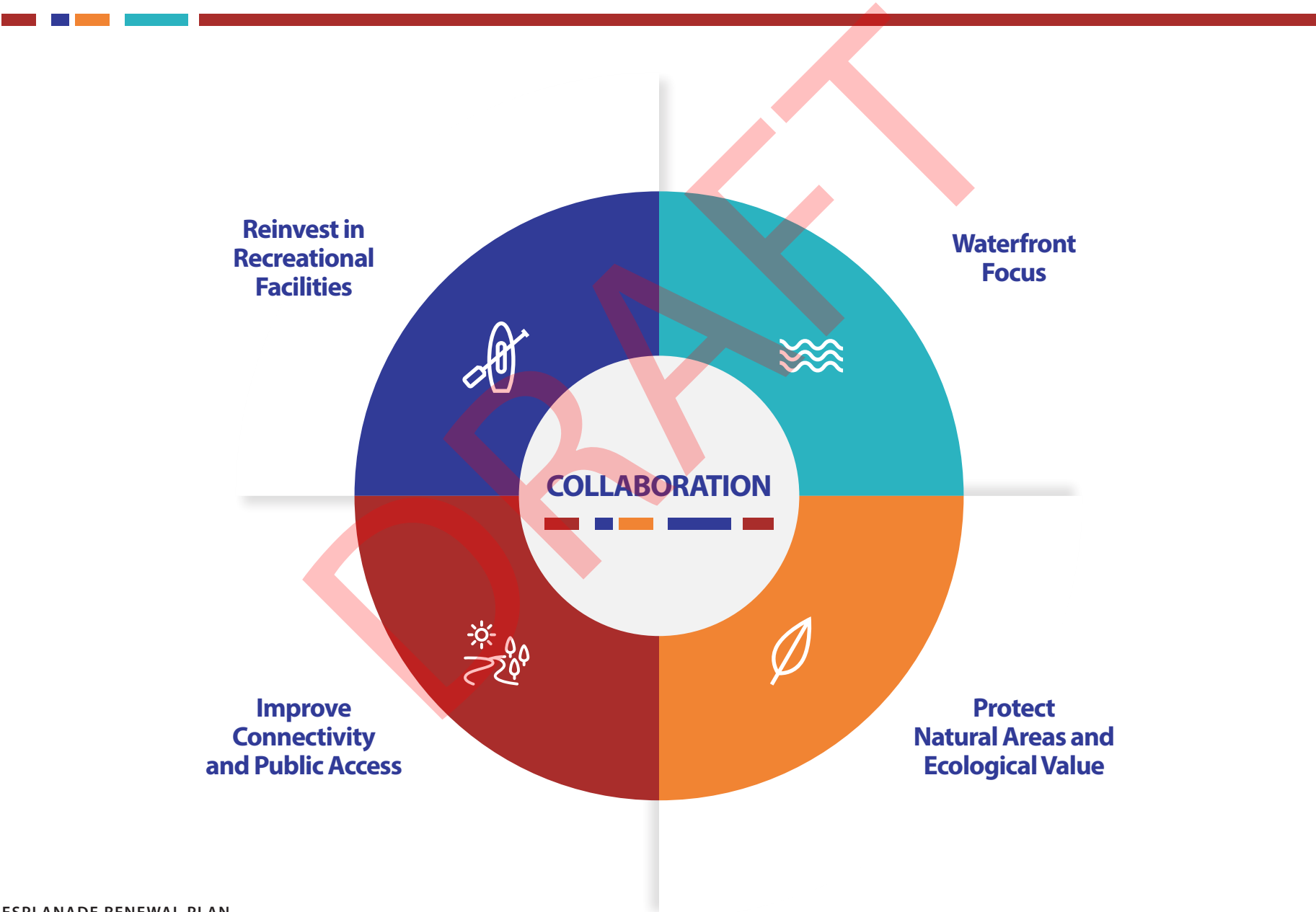
- a new yacht club building,
- new multi-use building,
- trail connections and enhancements,
- new parks and recreation spaces.

The City received 338 feedback form responses in Phase 2. While 66% of respondents felt the first set of updated concepts somewhat reflected, mostly reflected, or reflected very well the vision from Phase 1, there were specific elements that respondents were looking to see changed. Based on the feedback in Phase 2, the multi-purpose building on the former Yacht Club footprint was scaled down, a greater focus on waterfront-based uses emerged, as well as removing some amenities to avoid duplication in the surrounding area. This round of engagement informed the final concepts included in the Project Sheets attached to this plan.

The updated technical reports were also shared through this round of engagement: environmental, archaeological, and traditional ecological knowledge keeper. The findings of these reports helped inform revisions to the conceptual illustrations.



# PLAN OBJECTIVES



# IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

Implementation policies are statements about how the Esplanade Renewal Plan will be carried out. They also speak to future opportunities and elements to consider throughout the wider Esplanade area.

## 1.0 Collaboration:

- 1.1 Work collaboratively with user groups on facility enhancements and new facilities, including their input in detailed project design.
- 1.2 Continue to engage with snpink'tn Indian Band and complete archaeological reviews as any projects in and around identified 'areas of potential' proceed.
- 1.3 Install interpretive signage sharing the environmental and Indigenous cultural values of this area in key locations, in collaboration with snpink'tn Indian Band, En'owkin Centre, and Okanagan Nation Alliance.
- 1.4 Consider new opportunities and potential recreational uses in the Esplanade area from community groups based on alignment with the overall plan vision and policies. See Future Emerging Opportunities.

## 2.0 Reinvest in Recreational Facilities:

- 2.1 Work with a partner to invest in marina facilities, buildings, and operations, with the incorporation of civic spaces (i.e. public washrooms, multi-purpose room, storage, and public parking).
- 2.2 Support the ongoing programming for disc golf in Esplanade Park.
- 2.3 Enhance the entry points to Esplanade Park with clear signage and wide footpaths from Vancouver Ave and Abbott St accesses.
- 2.4 Correct private property encroachments into Esplanade Park over time by phasing out license-to-use agreements and replanting/delineating these areas for public use.
- 2.5 Improve amenities throughout the publicly accessible areas of the Esplanade; including benches, shade structures, waste and recycling receptacles, and programmed spaces in Esplanade Park.
- 2.6 Support the introduction of interim uses aligned with the overall vision of this plan while more permanent uses and structures are introduced over the plan horizon.



### 3.0 Improve Connectivity and Public Access

3.1 With a pedestrian-focused approach, improve walkability through the Esplanade with designated paths and trails to connect:

#### 3.1.1 Marina Way and the KVR – east/west

- Create a continuous waterfront promenade by completing the missing sections through the Marina area to the natural eastern beach with a similar design standard as other sections along Okanagan Lake.
- Improve the informal trail between the Esplanade and KVR trail with engineered improvements to improve accessibility, while keeping a natural standard through signage, delineation, and minimal clearing or hard surface improvements.

#### 3.1.2 Waterfront Promenade and Esplanade Park/Vancouver Avenue – north/south

- Create at least two trail alignment connections; one near the new marina building (west side), and one near the proposed pavillion (east side).

3.2 Install directional and wayfinding signage in key locations to improve connectivity through the Esplanade and provide context to the City's larger trail network, making trail connections in the area easier for the public to understand.

### 4.0 Waterfront Focus

4.1 Prioritize waterfront-based uses near the lakeshore by designating the eastern beach for non-motorized paddle sports (i.e. kayak, canoe, paddle board). Support interim and long-term uses aligned with that vision, including:

- New non-motorized watercraft launch
- Dedicated spaces for non-motorized watercraft clubs and operators.
- Non-motorized watercraft storage areas
- Increased green spaces and trailhead connections
- Where appropriate, improved public parking area
- City of Penticton operational storage areas

4.2 Work towards demolishing the Former Yacht Club building and complete shoreline clean-up to encourage non-motorized watercraft uses along the eastern beach.

4.3 Improve the riparian habitat through shoreline clean up with native plantings and materials.

4.4 Enhance shoreline areas, including along the future waterfront promenade.

4.5 Partner with the Penticton Tennis Club to locate and construct a new outdoor tennis club facility elsewhere on City-owned land in the medium-term. Ensure a new facility is ready for use prior to closing existing facility to provide a seamless transition and no loss of service. Repurpose the existing area to support water-based recreation uses and naturalization.

4.6 Support municipal waterfront operations through the inclusion of storage facilities.

## 5.0 Protect Natural Areas and Ecological Value

- 5.1 Develop an operations plan to increase resources for delivery and maintenance of assets in the Esplanade Area. Enhance natural areas through planting native species and removing invasive species by an operations plan within the highly sensitive environmental areas in the Esplanade. Work with a Qualified Environmental Professional on projects in ESA 1 and 2 areas, and within the riparian area.
- 5.2 Delineate select trails through the natural forested area to limit trampling (i.e. at least two clear trail connections).
- 5.3 Complete restoration planting along the top of bank in Esplanade Park with guidance from a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP)
- 5.4 Maintain the area as a natural park while removing invasive species and regularly monitoring the wildfire risk.
- 5.5 Explore partnerships with community groups and snpink'tn Indian Band to assist the city with operational maintenance.
- 5.6 Protect and enhance the natural features of the eastern beach while introducing non-motorized watercraft users.
- 5.7 Reduce the heat island effect with new landscape islands and trees in parking areas.



# FUTURE EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

New initiatives may arise over the Esplanade Renewal Plan horizon that warrant consideration. In those cases, the following criteria shall be evaluated to determine suitability:



# PRIORITY PROJECTS AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Implementation of the Esplanade Renewal Plan will occur through various projects over the plan’s 25-year horizon.

The projects are outlined in the Project Sheets forming part of this plan. The projects are prioritized based on public feedback through the Esplanade Renewal Plan development process. Funding estimates and sources are included. The project sheets are intended to guide future detailed work to implement each project through various processes.

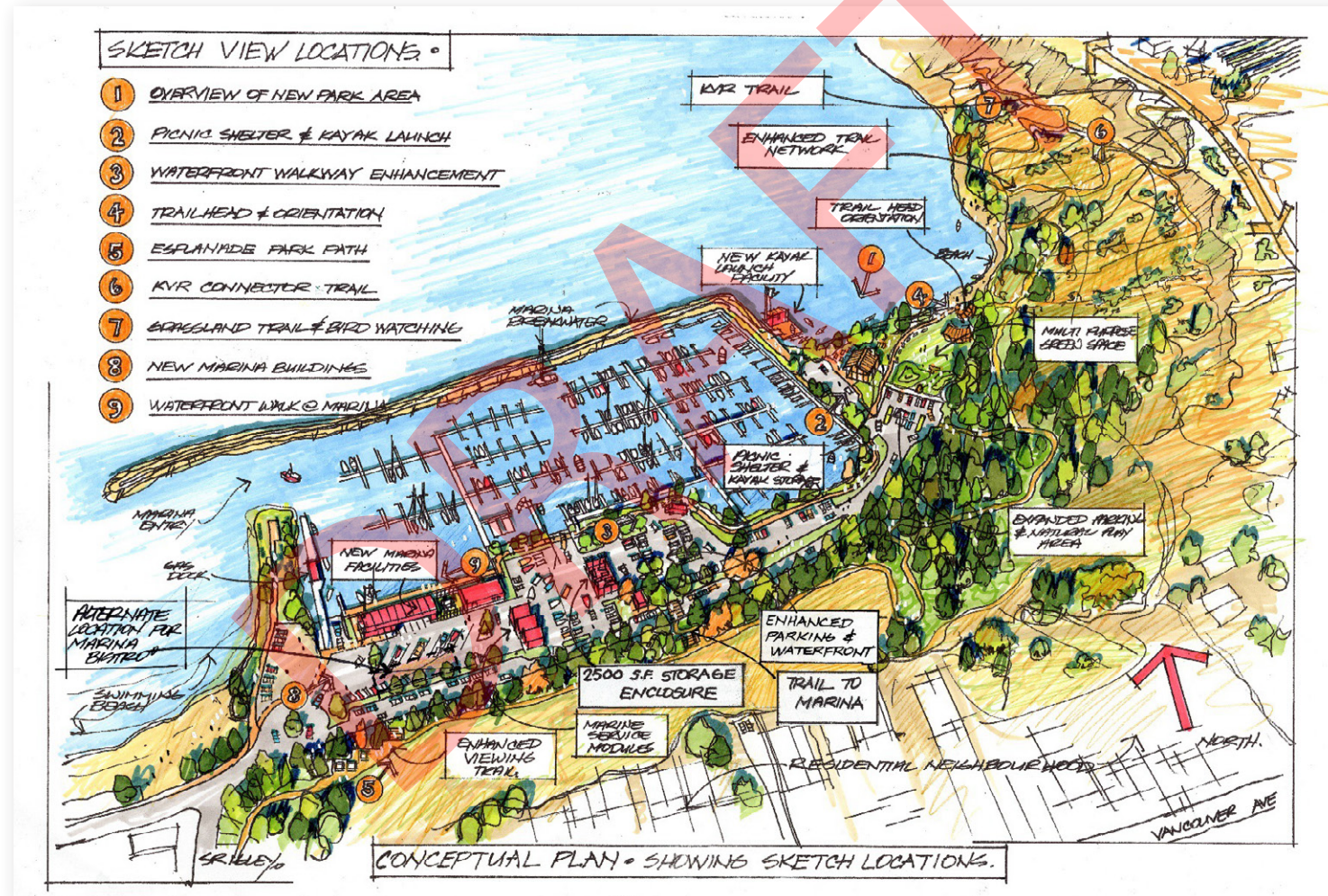
Projects will be built into the City’s Capital Works Plan, based on priorities, as funding is available. Grant opportunities for various implementation projects will be sought to support nearer-term implementation and reduce the cost burden to the City. Joint investment projects, such as the Yacht Club reinvestment, will be completed through a process directed by Council.

| Project Name   | Cost Estimate | Priority Level | Funding Options   |
|--|---------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Esplanade-KVR Trail Connection</b>                    | \$350K-450K   | High           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants</li> <li>• Capital budget</li> <li>• DCC Reserves</li> </ul>                              |
| <b>New Community Uses/Yacht Club Building</b>            | \$3.5M-4.5M   | High           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership with yacht club operator</li> <li>• Capital budget for civic use portions</li> </ul> |
| <b>Waterfront Promenade</b>                              | \$1.5M-2.5M   | High           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership with yacht club operator</li> <li>• Capital budget</li> <li>• Grants</li> </ul>      |
| <b>Interpretive Signage, Benches, Wayfinding Signage</b> | \$100K-150K   | High           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating budget</li> </ul>  |
| <b>New Waterfront-Focused Park</b>                       | \$1.5M-2.5M   | Medium         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital budget</li> <li>• Grants</li> </ul>  |
| <b>‘Renaturalizing’ Spaces in Esplanade Park</b>         | \$100K-150K   | Medium         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating budget</li> <li>• Grants</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Pavillion</b>   | \$300K-500K   | Long           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital budget</li> </ul>  |

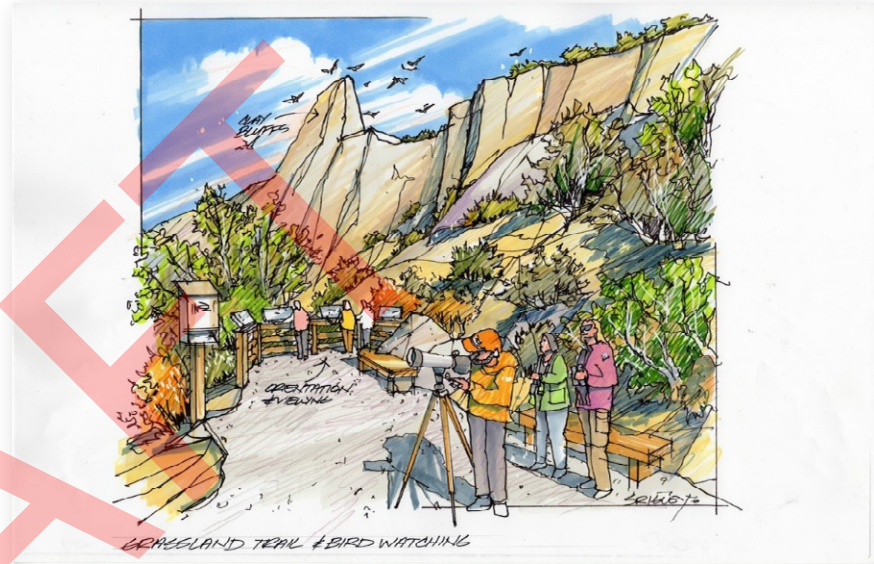
Notes:  
 Increased operational requirements for delivery and maintenance of new projects.  
 Cost estimates vary based on extent of features provided.  
 Cost estimates reflect 2026 values and do not account for inflation in future years.

# ESPLANADE RENEWAL PLAN: PROJECT SHEETS

## Conceptual Overview



# Esplanade-KVR Trail Connection



**Description:**

- Widening, grading, and natural stairs (where needed) to improve approximately 300m of existing informal trail between the eastern beach to the KVR trail.
- Wayfinding signage at the KVR trail connection.
- Some wider rest area sections.
- Landscape remediation and native species planting.

**Technical Considerations:**

- Geotechnical engineer review for slope stability and grading
- Environmental review for works in environmentally-sensitive area

**Priority:**

High

**Cost Estimate:**

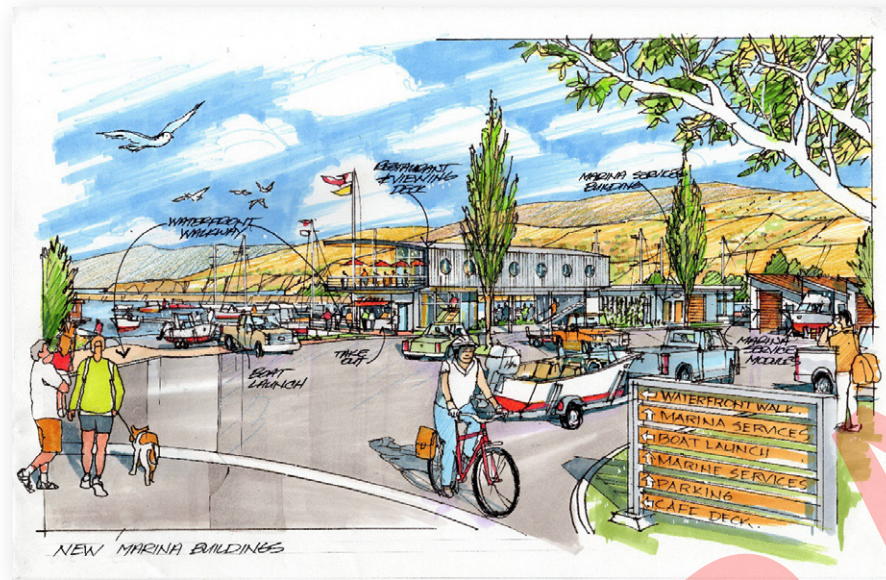
\$350K-450K

**Funding Sources:**

- Capital budget
- Grants (i.e. Trans Canada Trail)
- DCC Reserves



## New Community Uses/Yacht Club Building



### Technical Considerations:

- Environmental review for works in riparian area

### Priority:

High

### Cost Estimate:

- Restaurant: \$450/ft2 - \$1.0M to \$1.5M
- Marina Offices/Meeting Space: \$450/ft2 - \$350k to \$650k
- Marine Repair Modules: \$300/ft2 - \$600k to \$700k
- Community Uses: \$450/ft2 - \$1.0 to 1.5M

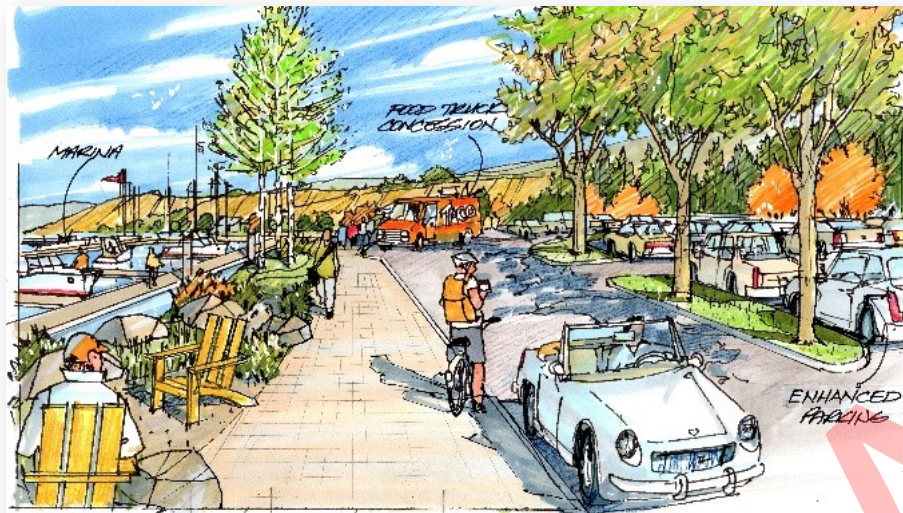
### Funding Sources:

- Partnership with yacht club operator
- Capital budget for civic use portions (est. \$1.0 to 1.5M)

### Description:

- Located closer to Marina Way than existing building (to be demolished)
- Two storey building with opportunity for a separate building exclusive for yacht club uses.
- Civic spaces to be included: indoor multi-purpose room, public washrooms, storage room for waterfront-based user groups (leased space), outdoor enclosed storage yard for Public Works water-based equipment (in parking area).
- Club spaces to be included: offices, storage, bar and kitchen, members washrooms, boat maintenance and repair, gathering space.
- Opportunity for public restaurant on second floor.
- Reconfigure parking lot to incorporate more landscaped areas while not negatively impacting flow to boat launches.
- Construct missing sections of waterfront pathway and upgrade existing sections to the same standard.
- Include opportunity for a range of food and beverage uses (i.e. food truck spaces, take-out windows, etc.)

# Waterfront Promenade



WATERFRONT WALKWAY ENHANCEMENT



WATERFRONT WALKWAY @ MARINA RESTAURANT

## Description:

- Connect two sections of lakefront path into a continuous path.
- Install 240m of new path.
- Upgrade 170m of existing red painted path.
- Upgraded path shall meet or exceed City design standards for other sections of the Okanagan lakeshore path (min. 4 m in width)
- Landscaping, furniture, amenities and tree planting.

## Technical Considerations:

- Archaeological review for works within area of potential
- Environmental review for works within riparian area

## Priority:

High

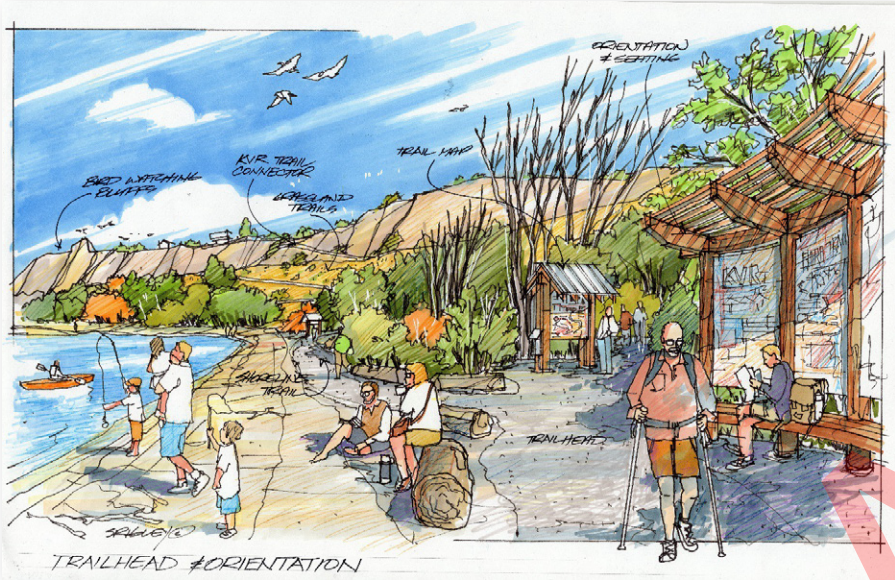
## Cost Estimate:

- \$1.5M to 2.0M for 4m wide pathway
- \$250k to 500k for lighting

## Funding Sources:

- Marina development partner
- Capital budget
- Grants (i.e. Trans Canada Trail, Accessibility, and Tree Planting funds)

# Interpretive Signage, Benches, Wayfinding Signage



**Description:**

- Signage to be installed along trail locations to explain the traditional ecological stories and values of the natural areas.
- Key areas: new trailhead near eastern beach, Marina Way roundabout entrance, KVR trail connection, Abbott St and Vancouver Ave entrances to Esplanade Park.
- Collaborate on interpretive signage with snpink'tn Indian Band, En'owkin Centre, and Okanagan Nation Alliance with installation locations guided by the features to be shared.
- Estimate 10 sign installations.

**Technical Considerations:**

- Environmental review for trail delineation and replanting

**Priority:**

High

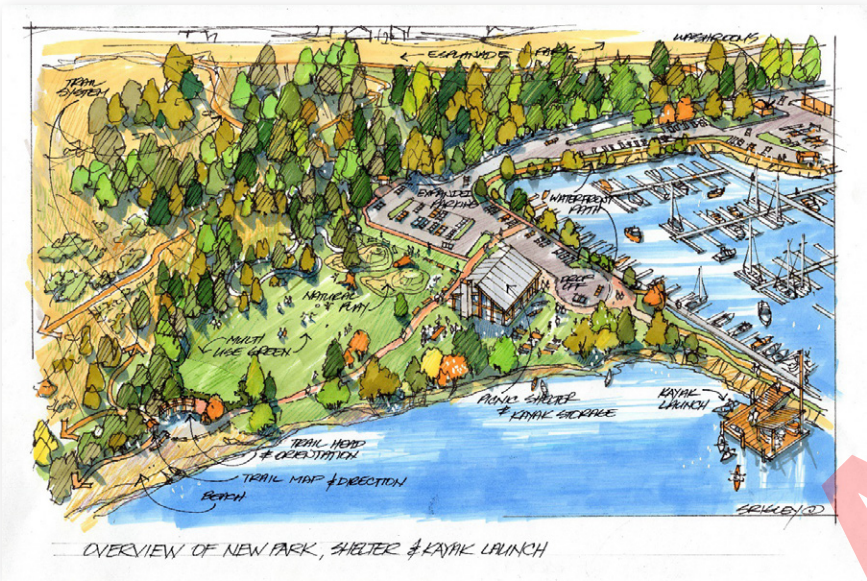
**Cost Estimate:**

\$100k -150K for sign installation, collaboration, amenities, and design

**Funding Sources:**

Operating budget

# New Waterfront Focused Park



**Description:**

- Locate and construct a new tennis facility elsewhere in the City.
- Convert hard surface areas into ~2,500m<sup>2</sup> (0.6ac) of new green spaces and natural play features.
- Install trail connections from parking lot towards new trail head information signage near the natural beach.
- Reconfigure the parking area with design including landscape islands and trees.

**Technical Considerations:**

- Archaeological review for works within area of potential
- Environmental review for works within riparian area and environmentally-sensitive area

**Priority:**

Medium

**Cost Estimate:**

- \$1.0M to 1.5M for green space (incl. amenities)
- \$150k-300K for trail head
- \$300k-500K for parking lot

**Funding Sources:**

- Capital budget
- Grant opportunities (i.e. Trans Canada Trail, Accessibility, Tree Planting, Park Enhancements, Tennis Canada (for new tennis facility))

## 'Renaturalizing' Spaces in Esplanade Park



### Description:

- Plantings of ~165 native plants along the northern edge of Esplanade Park as directed by the Environmental Assessment report.
- Install wood fencing near specific sensitive areas at risk of trampling from informal trails to guide visitors to the formal trail network.
- Restore and replant unofficial trails to 'renaturalize' these spaces with native plants/seeding.

### Technical Considerations:

- Environmental review for works in environmentally-sensitive area

### Priority:

Medium

### Cost Estimate:

\$100k-150k for plantings, fencing, enhanced path, and restoration

### Funding Sources:

- Operating budget
- Grant opportunities (i.e. Tree Planting, Invasive Species Management)

# Pavillion



**Description:**

- Approx. 250m2 new covered pavilion near non-motorized watercraft launch.
- Open-air building to provide weather protection and shade.
- Picnic tables underneath.
- Opportunities for non-motorized watercraft storage are integrated into the pavilion building.
- Possibility of cultural heritage installation incorporated into the pavilion, with guidance from Indigenous partners.
- Archaeological monitoring required in this area.

**Technical Considerations:**

- Archaeological review for works in area of potential
- Environmental review for works in riparian area.

**Priority:**

Long

**Cost Estimate:**

Open-Air Pavillion: \$225/ft<sup>2</sup> - \$300k-500K

**Funding Sources:**

Capital budget





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