

Help shape the future of the Robinson Property

(Penticton, BC – October 10, 2018) – Residents and user groups interested in helping shape the future of the Robinson Property are invited to register for one of two workshops coming up later this month. The workshops are part of the engagement program introduced at the [Regular Council Meeting on September 4](#) and are designed to involve the community in the development of a long-term plan for the site.

“The City is undertaking a very inclusive process for the development of the plan,” says Mayor Andrew Jakubeit. “Not only are we committed to working closely with the existing users of the site including the Penticton Seniors’ Drop-in Centre Society, we are also interested in hearing ideas from the community at large. If you have a vision or idea on how we can enhance this community park and asset, we hope you will participate in the process.”

Better known as the South Main Drop-in Centre, the original six-acre Robinson Property was granted to the City in 1982 and dedicated as a park. The property has evolved considerably since it changed hands and is now the premier destination for Penticton residents interested in pickleball, horseshoes, bocce as well as the programs of the Penticton Seniors’ Drop-in Centre Society. With requests to continue or expand programming on the site, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommended the City create a master plan to prioritize and manage requests on the popular property.

To date, staff have met with representatives from each of the current user groups to explain the process and understand their ideas for the future. The next step is to bring these representatives together with members of the community in two workshops to identify options for the site. At the workshops, participants will be invited to discuss topics such as arts, signage, greenspace, transit and parking as well as the needs of the user groups. The workshops will be limited to 30 participants. Anyone interested in participating in one of the following workshops is invited to register at getconnected@penticton.ca or by contacting JoAnne Kleb at (250) 490-2586.

Oct. 24	Workshop #1
1:30 pm	Walking Tour (optional)
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Workshop

Oct. 29	Workshop #2
5:30 pm	Walking Tour (optional)
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Workshop

“If we have a lot of interest, we will add more workshops. And if you can’t attend, you can also share your ideas for the park at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca,” says JoAnne Kleb, the City’s engagement strategist. “We will also be holding public events in the future to involve the community as the plans develop.” Information

about the engagement plan as well as background on the history of the site and relevant bylaws, policies and plans are available at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca/Robinson-property. Following the workshop, the City will prepare a number of options for the site that will be shared with the community before a recommendation is developed and reviewed with the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and then shared with Council for a decision in the new year.

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