

Penticton City Council adopts new Official Community Plan

(Penticton, BC – August 8, 2019) – A blueprint designed to guide the growth and development of Penticton for the next 25 years is now complete with City Council’s adoption of the new Official Community Plan (OCP).

Developed over a two-year period using a process that involved hundreds of hours of community engagement, workshops, presentations and research, the new OCP sets in place a current and aligned vision of where, how and when Penticton should grow, develop and prosper in the years ahead. Notable aspects of the plan that will immediately take effect include:

- Development permits for infill housing (small lot, duplex and carriage houses)
- Environment Development Permits for most rural and hillside areas in the city
- New land use designations

“The creation of a new OCP was a huge undertaking that involved a considerable range of input and time from across the community,” said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. “Council is very pleased with the process that got us to the point of having an approved document that not only reflects current best practices in achieving sustainable and smart grow for a community like ours, but also captures the desires and interests of everyone who calls Penticton home.”

“A massive thank you to Ben Johnson and JoAnne Kleb, for leading the community engagement and planning process to develop the new OCP, with the Task Force,” said Director of Development Services, Anthony Haddad. This was the most significant community engagement process we have ever been through, and with the valuable contribution from so many in our community, we can be proud of the OCP, which will help guide our community’s land use and planning decisions into the future.”

Residents wishing to review the OCP can do so by downloading a copy off the City’s [website](#).

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