

Penticton's EOC to begin reopening City facilities as part of its phased approach

(Penticton, BC – Wednesday, May 13, 2020) – Penticton's Emergency Operations Centre is set to reopen some outdoor City facilities on Friday, May 15 as part of its phased approach toward a safe 'restart.'

In addition to the parks and trails, beaches, sports fields and disc golf course currently open, the following spaces will also be reopened for casual use.

- Skateparks
- Tennis courts
- Pickleball courts
- Dog parks
- Pump track
- Fenced play courts

The City has been working with the BCRPA, Sports BC and various provincial organizations to ensure a safe return to these activities, while aligning with provincial health guidelines.

"The Emergency Operations Centre is very aware of the pandemic we're facing and is taking all the appropriate measures to ensure safety as we work toward the new normal," said Penticton Fire Chief and EOC Deputy Director, Larry Watkinson. "As we take these steps, it's vital that you continue to maintain physical distancing, wash and sanitize your hands frequently, and be mindful of others around you. We also ask that you keep your groups small and avoid sharing sports equipment."

All indoor recreation facilities remain closed at this time, as do playgrounds, outdoor basketball courts, volleyball courts, playgrounds and splash pads. The EOC is conducting risk assessments and working toward their safe reopening. All updates will be made public when available and posted to penticton.ca/restart.

"The EOC is taking a careful and planned approach to restart Penticton. We all have a role to play in supporting this objective and following the advice of the provincial health officer," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "If you are using any of these facilities, either this coming long weekend or beyond, please review and obey any posted signage instructions prior to starting your activities".

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