

Time to give feedback on alcohol consumption in select public places

(Penticton, BC – June 10, 2020) – Residents are invited to provide feedback about what they have observed following the launch of a pilot project allowing alcohol consumption at designated parks. The City is formally collecting feedback about the project beginning today through to June 24.

“We are encouraging residents to visit these locations and share with us what you noticed, how you felt and whether you support this initiative based on what you have seen,” said Penticton’s Engagement Strategist, JoAnne Kleb. “Your feedback and suggestions will be compiled to help provide direction for City Council decisions going forward.”

Citizens can complete the feedback form online at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca. Paper copies will be available at the entrance to City Hall during business hours and will be accepted in the drop box until June 24. In addition, registered Shape Your City members may be selected for a random sample survey.

The month-long pilot project is in support of the Love Local Penticton campaign. It allows for responsible liquor consumption between 12 noon and 8 p.m. until July 4, 2020 at Marina Way Park, Okanagan Beach (east of Power Street), Okanagan Lake Park and Rotary Park.

“Penticton is taking proactive steps to encourage outdoor activities amid COVID-19. Now, it’s up to you to act responsibly and set a positive example. Be safe and please leave the park as you found it, ensuring it will remain tidy for everyone else,” said Deputy Mayor Judy Sentes.

Results of the feedback will be presented to Council at their meeting on July 7 at which point they will decide whether or not to continue the program.

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