

Council approves plan for Skaha Lake Park East

(Penticton, BC – March 16, 2020) – Following the conclusion of community engagement and public discussions that began in the fall of 2019 and finished this month with a final round of feedback on a proposed selection of upgraded and new park amenities, Penticton City Council has approved a long-term plan for the east side of Skaha Lake Park.

Key elements of the approved plan include:

- completing the replacement of the marina docks;
- renewal of the marina building;
- an extension of a promenade to the marina building;
- a new and expanded paddle boathouse near the existing footprint;
- a new splash pad;
- allowing for a licenced restaurant as part of the marina;
- reconfiguring the parking lot and adding usable waterfront green space;
- naturalization of the riparian areas; and
- other enhancements to trails and green space.

The plan's creation followed a four-step public process, with step one establishing context and ideas for the plan, step two developing and reviewing the concepts, step three reviewing the overall draft plan and step four receiving support for the plan from Council. Throughout the four step process, particular attention was given to the following seven needs:

- recognizing the Indigenous relationship to the land;
- aligning the plan with the Parks Master Plan;
- obtaining direction for aging facilities;
- gauging support for uses in the park;
- improving integration for pedestrians;
- addressing ecological sensitivities; and
- alignment of funding.

Overall, the plan received a strong backing, with community feedback showing 81.3 per cent of the 467 feedback responders being somewhat or very supportive of the direction being taken.

"Council is pleased to see the planning process for the east side of Skaha Park come to fruition with both a document and vision that will last the park for many years to come," said Penticton Mayor, John

Vassilaki. "On behalf of Council, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the public process. Your time and ideas shaped the outcome Council supported today."

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