

## Learn about the Community Opinion question ahead of the by-election

(Penticton, BC – April 27, 2021) – Before the focus shifts to the candidates in the upcoming by-election, the City is providing information to help residents consider their response to the Community Opinion question that will be included on the ballot. In addition to selecting a preferred candidate at the polls, citizens will also be asked if they support the City entering into a long-term agreement of up to 25 years with a private operator, selected through a competitive process, to fund the marina improvements and provide marina services at Skaha Lake Park. To make sure the community has the information they need to form their opinion, the City has planned a number of opportunities for citizens to learn more and ask questions before they vote.

- Information about the Community Opinion question and the Skaha Lake Park East Plan is available today at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca). Printed materials are also available at the engagement kiosks at City Hall, the Skaha Marina and other City facilities.
- Staff will be along Skaha Lake on May 1 and Okanagan Lake on May 8 between 10 am and 1 pm to speak with citizens and answer questions.
- A Facebook Live presentation is planned for May 6 beginning at 6 pm on the City's account (@cityofpenticton). Staff will answer questions in the chat while there is interest.
- Citizens can register for a Zoom presentation on May 12 between 6 pm and 7:30 pm through [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca).
- Display materials and staff will also be available at the polling stations during the election.

"We're hoping that citizens will take some time to learn more about the Community Question during these early days and obtain accurate information," says General Manager of Community Services Anthony Haddad.

Council approved the inclusion of the question at their meeting on March 31, 2021 and has committed to abide by the results.

"Council feels strongly that the community needs to be on board with entering into a long-term agreement with a private operator before we move forward," says Mayor Vassilaki. "I encourage everyone to carefully consider the information available on this topic as you also consider the candidates."

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