

City encourages residents and visitors to be safe and responsible with upcoming heat wave

(Penticton, BC – June 24, 2021) – With Environment Canada predicting a significant heat wave for Penticton and surrounding area, the City of Penticton is encouraging residents and visitors to be responsible and safe by drinking plenty of water, staying cool and following any recommendations from Health Canada.

The Government of Canada, via Health Canada, has an online guide that outlines how individuals and families can protect themselves during the heat wave including preparing for the heat as well as how to keep your home cool. A complete list of how to stay safe during extreme temperatures, including how parents and caregivers can keep children cool, is available on the Government of Canada [website](#).

For water access, the City is also reminding residents and visitors that there are publicly accessible water sources available. For a [list of locations](#) throughout Penticton, please visit www.penticton.ca/environment. Bylaw officers will have bottled water for those needing a cool drink.

If going into the backcountry, the City reminds residents that there is currently a fire ban in place. This is even more important during the dry conditions to ensure that there are no fires in Penticton to prevent a wildfire from unintentionally starting.

“We encourage both residents and visitors to continue monitoring weather forecasts, and follow the advice of Health Canada,” said Mayor John Vassilaki. “Please drink plenty of water, wear a hat and use sunscreen, stay in the shade, go for a dip in our lakes and check in on your friends, family, seniors and neighbours. Be safe and responsible during the coming heat wave.”

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