

## Feedback sought on future development of 955 Timmins Street

(Penticton, BC – July 26, 2021) – The City of Penticton is seeking feedback from citizens about a proposed land use change at 955 Timmins Street to allow for a new multi-family residential development.

An application has been received to develop the property with two, five-storey apartment buildings and 81 townhouse units, for a total of 229 units. The proposal requires an Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment to change the future land use designation for the property from “Industrial” and “Urban Residential” to “Urban Residential”. A rezoning application has also been submitted to change the zoning from M1 (General Industrial) to RM3 (Medium Density Multiple Housing) to facilitate the proposed development.

The initial development plans for 955 Timmins Street propose the following:

- Two, five-storey apartment buildings,
- 81 townhouse units,
- Outdoor shared amenity areas including community gardens, playground, pool and sports courts,
- Pedestrian connections to the Okanagan College property to the south.

“The addition of rental and multi-family housing in the vicinity of Okanagan College is something that has been long desired for the College as well as the city,” said the City’s Director of Development Services, Blake Laven. “We are looking forward to understanding the community’s views of the vision for this property.”

Interested citizens are invited to learn more about what is being considered and share their feedback at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](https://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca). Paper copies of the information and the feedback form are also available at the Shape Your City kiosk at City Hall, Monday to Friday, between 9 am and 4 pm. Feedback will be collected through to August 29, 2021.

“The City has expanded the opportunities for citizens to learn about and share their views on proposals to amend the Official Community Plan before they are considered by Council,” says Laven. “Council must balance many factors when making decisions and early feedback from the community helps inform their decisions. These are important opportunities to share your views and ensure all issues are understood.”

Notification letters have been mailed to neighbouring property owners and occupants and business owners of the subject property. Two events are also planned for citizens who would like to learn more or ask questions about the proposal. Residents can drop by the City's booth at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 14, 2021 between 9 am and 12 pm to discuss the proposal with staff. Alternatively, they can participate in an online Information Session on Thursday, August 19, 2021 between 7 pm and 8:30 pm. Interested residents can register for the online session at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca).

The feedback collected through the engagement process will be shared with Council, the community, as well as the applicant in preparation for Council to consider giving first reading to the amendments. If first reading is given to the amendment bylaws, the community will have another opportunity to provide input as part of the statutory public hearing for the OCP amendment and rezoning application. This will fulfill the legislative requirements for engagement for both the OCP amendment and the rezoning application.

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