

The Twin Arenas and the Arts and Culture Centre were the most contentious and complex of the four recommendations, given the range of user groups involved. In addition to questions from the community about possible locations and use of the facilities, affected user groups also had many questions about functionality in the new facilities and affordability.

Based on the feedback received so far, staff are considering recommending that the proposals be tackled separately and in order of priority, beginning with the Public Safety and Protective Services Centre. This recommendation would be considered by Council at a future meeting following the completion of outstanding consultation activities.

“These are major decisions that will affect life in our community for decades,” said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. “I’m encouraged by the thoughtfulness of the participation to date and look forward to hearing options on how these initiatives can advance.”

Council identified asset and amenity management as a priority for this term recognizing that the City has more assets than funds available to sustainably manage them. The Asset and Amenity Management Project was initiated in 2019 to understand amenity conditions and costs, and consider options to maintain, renew, replace or dispose of assets. Findings from the report can be reviewed at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca/civic-spaces-and-places.

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