

Dates set for engagement for proposed apartment at 655 Ellis Street

(Penticton, BC – July 11, 2022) – Residents are invited to learn more and share their feedback about a development application for 655 Ellis Street. The City has scheduled two information sessions for the community to consider a proposal for a three-storey, 16-unit apartment building which would add eleven 1-bedroom units and five 2-bedroom units to Penticton's inventory.

"This development proposal would add new apartment units close to the downtown core of the City," said Audrey Tanguay, Planning and Licensing Manager with the City of Penticton. "We look forward to hearing the feedback from residents on this new development proposal for the property."

An Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment is required to change the future land use designation on the development site, currently a vacant parking lot, from Ground Oriented Residential to Urban Residential and a Zoning Amendment is required to change the current zoning from P1 (Public Assembly) to RM5 (Urban Residential). A development permit application has also been submitted for Council to consider the form and character of the proposed apartment development.

The City has initiated its OCP Amendment Engagement Procedure to ensure residents are aware of the proposal and the opportunities to get involved. Letters are being mailed to homes and businesses in the area and signs are being installed at the subject property. Copies of the application, maps, and staff report are available at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca.

Citizens who are interested in discussing the proposal with staff are invited to attend one of the following information sessions.

- Online (Zoom): Thursday, July 21 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, register at www.shapeyourcitypenticton.ca
- In Person: Saturday, July 23 from 10:00am to 12:00pm, Penticton Public Library Auditorium

The City will collect feedback on the 655 Ellis Street proposal until August 7, 2022. A feedback form is available at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca. Paper copies are also available at the Shape Your City kiosk at the Penticton Public Library, Monday to Saturday.

"Council is looking forward to understanding the community's perspective on this development proposal," said Penticton's Mayor John Vassilaki. "Please take advantage of the opportunities to learn about the application, become informed on the issues, and share your feedback."

The findings from the engagement program will be provided to the developer and shared with Council, and the community should the applicant proceed. In addition to the activities described, the community will have another opportunity to provide input as part of the statutory public hearing for the OCP amendment and rezoning application, which will be scheduled after the end of this engagement period.

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