

Engagement dates set for proposed development at 674/686 Martin Street

(Penticton, BC – February 9, 2023)– Residents are invited to learn more and share their feedback about a development application for 674/686 Martin Street. The engagement program gets underway today for the community to consider a proposal for a five-storey, mixed-use development, consisting of 1,180 sq. ft. of commercial space at grade along Martin Street, 18 residential dwelling units of 1 bedroom plus den and 2 bedroom configurations on floors 2 through 4 and a common amenity area on floor 5.

“This development proposal would bring commercial opportunities and provide residential units close to existing downtown amenities,” said Audrey Tanguay, Planning and Licensing Manager with the City of Penticton. “We look forward to hearing the feedback from residents on this proposed use for these properties.”

An Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment is required to change the future land use designation on the development site, from Urban Residential to Downtown Mixed-Use. The property at 686 Martin Street will also need to be rezoned from RD1 (Residential Duplex Housing) to C5 (Urban Central Commercial). The property at 674 Martin Street is already zoned as C5 (Urban Central Commercial).

The City has initiated the procedure for Community Engagement for OCP Amendments 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, staff report and feedback form are available at www.shapeyourcitypenticton.ca. Paper copies are also available at the Shape Your City kiosk at the Penticton Public Library during regular business hours.

Anyone interested in discussing the proposal with staff are invited to attend an online information session on Thursday, February 23, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Register to receive the meeting link at www.shapeyourcitypenticton.ca. Questions about the application can be sent to planning@penticton.ca or call 250-490-2501.

The City will collect feedback on the 674/686 Martin Street proposal until March 9, 2023. Input from the engagement program will be provided to the developer and with Council. Should the application proceed, the community will have another opportunity to provide comments as part of the statutory public hearing for the OCP amendment and rezoning application, which would be scheduled after this engagement period ends.

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