

City proposes new bylaw to support compassionate redevelopment

(Penticton, BC – February 4, 2026) – The City is proposing Tenant Protection Bylaw No. 2026-12 to set safeguards to protect tenants during the process of redeveloping aging rental buildings and help prevent homelessness.

The bylaw is designed to support compassionate redevelopment and would apply to purpose-built rental buildings and motels with five or more units undergoing demolition or partial demolition. It would not apply to houses or buildings with four or fewer units, or to building renovations.

"As Penticton continues to grow, we expect more redevelopment of older rental buildings and long-term stay motels over time," says Steven Collyer, manager of Housing and Policy Initiatives. "This bylaw will set clear requirements to support residents through the transition when their homes are subject to demolition for redevelopment."

On Feb. 3, 2026, Council gave Tenant Protection Bylaw No. 2026-12 first reading. A public hearing is scheduled for **March 3, 2026**, providing the community an opportunity to speak directly to Council on this matter.

Developers would be required to submit a Tenant Relocation Plan before any redevelopment approvals are granted. Plans must outline notice timelines, tenant relocation supports and financial compensation of at least three months' rent plus a \$1,000 moving allowance. These local requirements would supplement the baseline requirements of the Residential Tenancy Act.

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