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2027 Draft Budget supports community safety, accessibility and long-term sustainability

(Penticton, BC – November 17, 2026) – The 2027-2031 Draft Financial and Corporate Business Plan reflects the City of Penticton's commitment to a resilient and healthy waterfront city focused on safety, livability and vibrancy.

"The 2027 draft budget focuses on sustaining the services our community values while making strategic investments that support safety, accessibility and long-term community well-being," says Angela Campbell, the City's general manager of corporate services. "As we prepare for a new Council to establish priorities for the next four years, this plan maintains current service levels and advances key initiatives that help keep Penticton safe, vibrant and prepared for the future."

Key community investments proposed in the 2027 budget include:

- Maintaining **overnight security services** in priority locations.
- Continuing operation of the **Chamber Camera Program**.
- Developing the **2027-2030 Accessibility Plan** and enhancing community resource materials.
- Advancing implementation of the City's **Urban Forest Management Plan**
- Advancing wildfire preparedness through a **wildfire mitigation strategy** and implementation of an **advanced wildfire detection system**.
- Advancing **Civic Places & Spaces priorities**, including the Fire Hall renewal projects, planning for a twin-pad arena facility and improvements to municipal facilities.
- Investment in community facilities including **the Boathouse Renewal** at Skaha Park East

To support these and other strategic initiatives, the proposed 2027 budget includes a **5.81 per cent tax increase**, which equates to approximately **$12 per month** for the average residential taxpayer. Of the total 5.81 per cent increase, 2.38 per cent is allocated to debt servicing for the construction of the new Fire Hall Headquarters, a project previously approved by Council.

The proposed 2027 increase has a current year investment of **3.04%**, the remaining **2.77%** reflects prior year investments including the Fire Hall renewals, a RCMP Public Service Employee and support for a Regional Economic Development Coordinator. The current investment reflects the City's ongoing efforts to balance fiscal responsibility with investments in the services, infrastructure and programs that support a safe, livable and resilient community.

The full proposed 2027-2031 Financial and Corporate Business Plan, including a complete listing of capital projects, utility costs and operating expenditures, is available at **penticton.ca/budget-talks**. Residents are encouraged to review the full 2027-2031 Draft Financial and Corporate Business Plan and share their feedback.

How can I participate?

- **Starting Nov. 17**, review the draft budget and share your feedback at **shapeyourcitypenticton.ca**. Printed copies of the draft budget and survey will be available at **City Hall**, the **Penticton Public Library** and the **Penticton Community Centre**.
- **Attend the Budget Open House** on **Nov. 24** at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre from **4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** to speak with Council and staff. Families welcome.
- **Submit your feedback by Dec. 2**, either online or in person. All input will be shared with Council ahead of budget deliberations, which are scheduled for **Dec. 15 and 16**.

The feedback gathered will be shared with Council at the start of budget deliberations on Dec. 15. All information about the budget and opportunities to share feedback are available at **shapeyourcitypenticton.ca**. Feedback will be collected until **Dec. 2, 2026**.

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