

CITY news

Shape the future of the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre



For more than 60 years, the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre (PTCC) has supported the local economy by hosting events and visitors year-round. To keep it competitive and attract larger conventions, which support our local business community and enhance employment opportunities, the City is exploring land use changes that could allow a future hotel attached to the PTCC, *if and when* the time is right.

Many event organizers strongly prefer an attached hotel for walkability and logistics. Without one, the PTCC can be screened out early, limiting its ability to attract major events during the shoulder season, which directly benefits our local businesses. This

initiative builds on the North Gateway Plan (2022), which envisions a vibrant sports, events and cultural district that also enhances parkland in the area, which is an important consideration as part of this initiative.

Two land considerations require elector approval: a 1912 trust condition affecting part of the PTCC site, and adjacent lands dedicated as parkland. As a result, this matter will go to voters in the 2026 municipal election.

Over the coming months, the City will share and refine concepts and gather public feedback to help determine which questions will go to voters in the referendum. Learn more and share your thoughts at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca/ptcc.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Council Open House

Wednesday, May 6 | 4PM – 7PM

Penticton Trade & Convention Centre – 273 Power Street

You're invited! Council Open House

The Council-hosted Open House returns on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Kids' activities and refreshments will be provided.

This is your opportunity to meet members of City Council and hear about upcoming projects, plans and initiatives for the year, including:

- The future of the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre
- The Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan process
- Penticton Public Library engagement
- Green Avenue and Skaha Lake construction
- Voyent! Alert, the City's emergency notification system

City staff will also be available to discuss and answer questions about projects and engagement initiatives that shape our city.

Learn more about City Council at penticton.ca/council.

Construction ready to begin on Green Avenue

Green Avenue is a high-traffic corridor, home to two schools and a new daycare, as well as one of the City's top collision locations at Skaha Lake Road.

The recent conversion of Skaha Lake Elementary school has added approximately 400 children aged five to 12 to the area, alongside the opening of an on-site daycare with 80 spaces. As a result, more children, parents and caregivers are walking, using mobility devices and crossing Skaha Lake Road each day.

The City will soon begin construction along Green Avenue – between Paris

Street and Green Court – to make walking, rolling and school travel safer.

Infrastructure improvements will include shorter crossings, slower speeds and better access for all.

This project supports the findings of the Safe Routes to School study for Skaha Elementary, as well as the City's Transportation Master Plan, Climate Action Plan and Official Community Plan. Construction will begin in early May and continue through the summer.

For updates, visit penticton.ca/greenave.



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Get ready to roll with new e-scooter and e-bike service



Looking for a fun and affordable way to get around? Penticton's newest transportation option, operated by Bird Canada, includes a shared fleet of e-scooters and e-bikes. This offers residents and visitors a sustainable way to travel for short, everyday trips. This latest addition supports Penticton's commitment to clean transportation and follows the City's participation in B.C.'s Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project, which runs through 2028. The pilot helps communities test and refine micro mobility options while working toward long term transportation solutions. Getting started is quick and easy. Download the Bird app, locate a nearby scooter or bike, scan the QR code and

you're on your way. Riders must be at least 16 years old, wear a helmet and follow the rules of the road, including a maximum speed of 25 km/h. Remember to park devices responsibly when your ride is done. To celebrate the launch, new users can enjoy their first ride for free using the code **RIDEPEN**.

Share the paths

Remember that many of Penticton's trails are designated as multi-use pathways. When rolling on these paths, reduce your speed and take extra care around pedestrians. Anyone walking is also reminded to be aware of their surroundings and share the space. For more, visit penticton.ca/active.

Stage 2 water restrictions begin

The South Okanagan faces drought conditions due to below average:

- snowpack in the local and regional watersheds
- Okanagan Lake and watershed reservoir levels
- precipitation volume received to recharge watershed and storage levels

As a result, the City is initiating **Stage 2 residential water restrictions beginning May 1, 2026**. This is to reduce usage by 20 per cent and help ensure water is available to meet peak demands through the summer.

Here's what it means:

- **Odd-numbered street addresses:** Tuesday and Saturday only.

- **Even-numbered street addresses:** Wednesday and Sunday only.
- **Townhouses/condos:** Follow the street address (not the unit number).
- **Mobile home parks:** follow unit numbers.

Water only during these times on your watering days:

- **Automatic irrigation:** 12:01 a.m.-6 a.m.
- **Manual watering:** 6-10 a.m. and 6-10 p.m.

Watering by hand is allowed on any day at any time. Remember, lawns usually need just one inch of water per week. Learn more water tips at penticton.ca/water.



Outdoor events spring to life

Here are some highlights you won't want to miss this season. See the full list at penticton.ca/events-calendar.

Public Works Week Open House: Ever wondered how the essential services you rely on every day come together? You're invited to step behind the scenes on May 21 at City Yards, 616 Okanagan Ave E, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find out more at penticton.ca/openhouse.

More major events

- Penticton Farmers' Market (Saturdays)
- Downtown Community Market (Starting May 16 on Saturdays)
- HaHaHa Kidzfest (June 4-6)
- Peach City Beach Cruise (June 26-28)
- Elvis Festival (June 26-28)
- Canada Day (July 1)
- Penticton Scottish Festival (July 3-4)
- Peach Festival (Aug. 5-9)
- Dragon Boat Festival (Sept. 12-13)

Provide feedback on Library service models

To ensure community needs are being met while getting the best possible value, the City of Penticton is exploring different options for how public library services are delivered in our community.

Under provincial legislation, there are two library operating models to consider: the current municipal library model and the regional library model.

In the initial phase of engagement, the focus will be on conducting a third-party review of the options and engaging with the public to help determine if the community would like to consider shifting to a regional model, which would mean joining the Okanagan Regional Library. Under the Library Act, to change models, assent voting (referendum) is required. This means no decisions are being made at this time.

Engagement is underway with a public survey to help determine whether an assent voting (referendum) question is brought forward for the Oct. 17, 2026 general election. Provide feedback at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca.

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