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to be held at the City of Penticton, Council Chambers
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C.

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Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Recessed from the Regular Council Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. **Call Committee of the Whole to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
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Julia McKay, Community Captain, and Nicolas Stulberg, President, Penticton Neighbourhood Association
4. **Adjourn to Regular Meeting of Council**



South Okanagan Similkameen Pride Society
129 Nanaimo Ave West
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May 8, 2023

City of Penticton
171 Main Street
Penticton BC
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Dear City of Penticton, Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the South Okanagan Similkameen Pride Society, please accept this letter as a request for the City of Penticton and Mayor and Council to publicly acknowledge that June is internationally recognized as Pride month.

We were overjoyed when you made a public acknowledgement last year and we welcome you to acknowledge and celebrate your local 2SLGBTQIA+ community again this year in the month of June and demonstrate the inclusiveness of Penticton.

There are many ways to celebrate Pride month as a community. A public acknowledgement in the form of a declaration at a Mayor and Council meeting and on your social media and website; hang a Pride flag at Town Hall; support a rainbow crosswalk or sidewalk; make a donation to a local 2SLGBTQIA+ organization or youth group, etc.

This year, we are offering 'Pride Swag Bags' by donation with stickers and flags that can be displayed in reception spaces and/or offices. To request a bag, you can reach us by email at sosprideboard@gmail.com or call our Communications Director, Heather Adamson, directly at 250-328-3996.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to hearing from you and working alongside you to celebrate Pride month in Penticton this year.

Sincerely,

South Okanagan Similkameen Pride Society
www.sospride.ca

Proclamation

PRIDE MONTH June 2023

- WHEREAS:** The City of Penticton cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and
- WHEREAS:** all are welcome in the City of Penticton to live, work, play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and
- WHEREAS:** the City of Penticton denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and
- WHEREAS:** it is imperative that all people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mayor Julius Bloomfield, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** the month of June, 2023 as "Pride Month" in the City of Penticton.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bloomfield".

Mayor Julius Bloomfield

Request to Appear as a Delegation

Preferred Council Meeting Date: May 16th 2023

Second choice(s): June 6th

Subject matter: Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) Program Presentation

Name of person(s) making presentation:

Kieran Knoll & Kristi Buttersworth

Address: 1295 Manitoba st

Phone: _____

Email: Kknoll@bgco.ca

Please provide details of your presentation or request of Council here: (or provide a detailed attachment)

Per Councillor Konanz request and invitation, YES Penticton as administrated by BGC
Okanagan would like to present a status report on YES a few years after the creation of
Foundry Penticton, and its current program offerings. There is a slideshow component for
visual aid, and there will be proposed support options to provide potential means for city
council and our community to get involved In YES and supporting our local youths!

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YES PENTICTON :

Barrier-Free Youth Opportunities

June 6, 2023



Agenda

1. Our History
2. What We Do
3. Saying YES to Youth In Penticton

our MISSION

To provide safe, supportive places where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships, and develop confidence and skills for life.

our VISION

All children and youth discover and achieve their dreams and grow up to be healthy, successful, and active participants in society.



our VALUES

Belonging

We welcome everyone in a safe, accepting environment based on belonging and positive relationships

Respect

We ensure that everyone—children, youth, families, volunteers, staff—is heard, valued, and treated fairly

Encouragement and Support

We encourage and support every child and youth to play, learn, and grow to achieve their dreams

Working Together

We work together with young people, families, volunteers, our communities, and government

Speaking Out

We speak out for children, youth, and families so that we can make our world better

WHAT OUR CLUB DOES



**PHYSICAL
FITNESS
& SPORTS**



**HEALTHY
SNACKS &
MEALS**

**BREAKFAST
PROGRAMS**

**NUTRITION
& FOOD
EDUCATION**

GARDENING



**SUMMER
CAMPS**



**MUSIC
DANCE
THEATRE
ARTS**



**VIRTUAL
PROGRAMMING**



**AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAMS**



**HOMEWORK
HELP**



**STEM
EDUCATION**



**FINANCIAL
EDUCATION**



**DIGITAL
LITERACY**

**MENTORING
YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
VOLUNTEERING**

**CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT**

**YOUTH
EXCHANGES**

TRANSPORTATION

CHILD CARE

**PARENTING
EDUCATION
& SUPPORT**

**JOB
READINESS**

SCHOLARSHIPS

**INDIGENOUS
INITIATIVES &
PROGRAMS**



**MENTAL
HEALTH &
WELLNESS**

**SUBSTANCE
ABUSE &
PREVENTION**

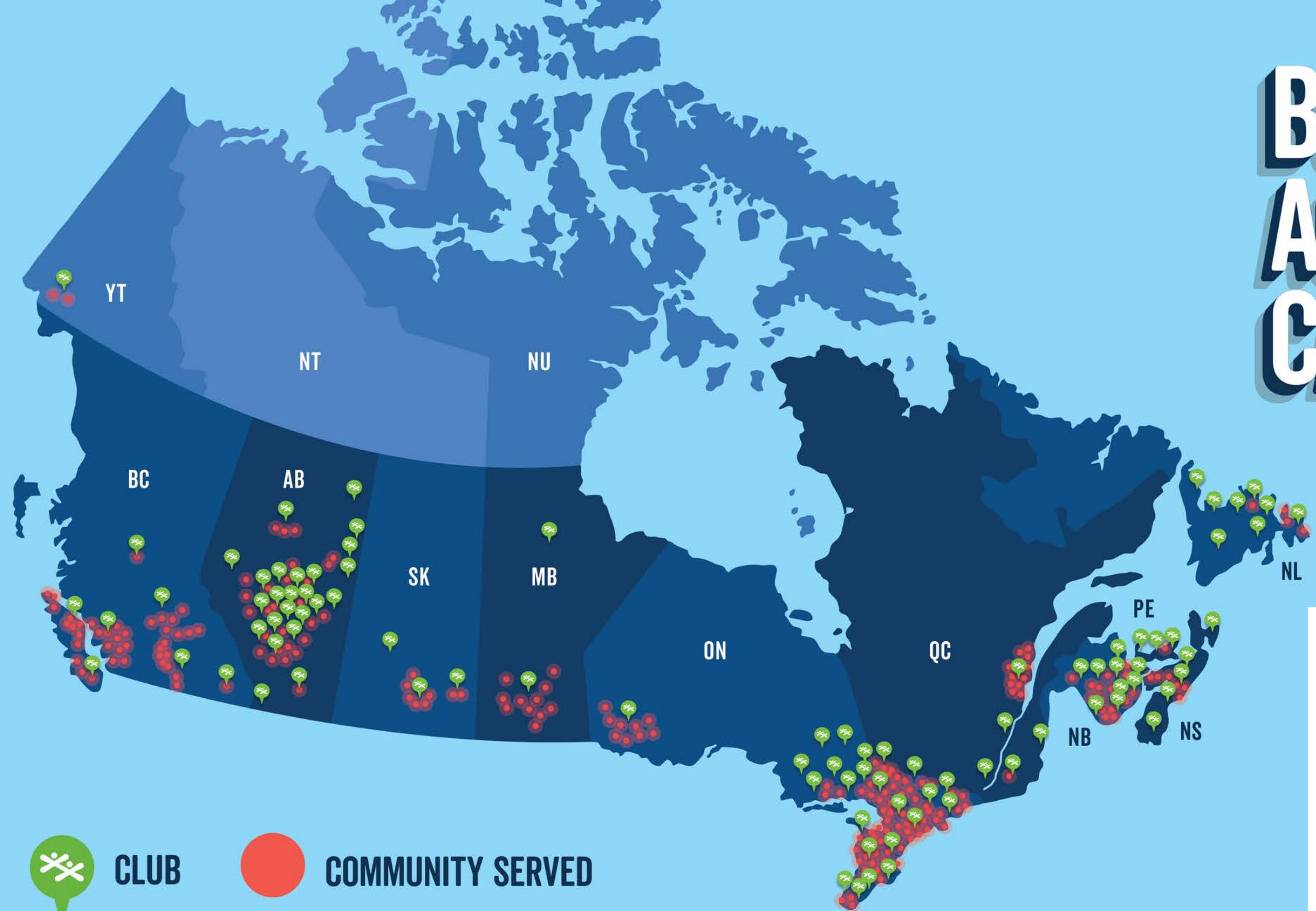
**CRIME
PREVENTION**

**TEEN DATING
VIOLENCE
PREVENTION**

**YOUTH
SHELTERS
& HOUSING**

**RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE**

BGC ACROSS CANADA



 **CLUB**  **COMMUNITY SERVED**

There are more than 50 Club and service locations located across the Okanagan Valley from Osoyoos to Enderby which serve over 1,200 children, youth and families every day

Introducing the Youth Engagement Strategy

- First created in 2013 to address issues raised by the Youth Advisory Committee facing Penticton's young people population.
- BGC Okanagan has administered YES Penticton for 10 years.
- Throughout the duration of the program, it has relied on various grants, donations, and has yet to be fully funded to sustain operation costs and continues to have non-sustainable funding.



Addressing Barriers:

- YES = Accessible to All
- Participation is Entirely Cost Free
- Access to Internal Agency Programs and Supports
- Food Pantry on Site to Combat Member Food Insecurity
- Opioid Overdose Response Trained Staff Always Present
- Partnered with Penticton Youth Restorative Justice
- Mental Health Supports and Referrals



WHY YES?

-YES Penticton x 2022 BSCF community report from Sarah Desrosiers

Penticton Dept of Social Development Identified Program Needs

- Diverse Cost-Free Recreation & Wellness Events
- Mental Health Workshops
- Substance Abuse Agency Referrals & Narcan on Site
- Family & Home Life Service Referrals
- Employment Program Referrals
- Food Pantry For Members & Snacks for Events 2+ Hours



Working Together To Meet Penticton's Needs

- Together we create a Vibrant Community for Youth
- Our aim is to keep teens connected to opportunities and services relevant to them.
- We work to create safe spaces that remain accessible for all youth to access regardless of background
- Our program is adaptable to ensure we are meeting the needs of local youth to maintain the sustainability and resilience of YES



Impact on the Community:

BGC Okanagan is doing life-changing work.

Cost-Free Recreation Events

- Club Movie Nights
- Board Game Café Nights
- Bowling
- Loco Landing
- Rollerblading
- Escape Room
- & More!

Life Skills Workshops

- Nutritional Cooking Classes
- Stress and Coping Strategies
- Creative Workshops
- Mental Health Information Sessions
- Community Partner Collaborations

Youth Mental Health Advocacy

- Pen High Mental Health Tabling Events
- Wellness and Recreation Kits
- Mental Wellness Coping Skills Development
- Youth Mental Health Focus Group

Impact on the Community:

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Community Events

- Youth Week
- Pink Shirt Day
- Gaelic Festival / Cultural Events
- Canada Day Events

Supporting Our Fellow Community Providers

- In Collaboration With:
- Foundry Penticton
 - City of Penticton Social Development Dept.
 - SOICS
 - Restorative Justice
 - Youth Action table 100 Homes
 - Local Businesses

Youth Advocacy

- Creating Platforms for Youth Voices
- Raising Awareness for Youth Causes
- Fundraising Support for BGC Okanagan

Say YES to supporting our Future Community Leaders

The Future of YES

- Our current goals include improving our spaces to be better equipped for youth programming . Sustainability of current operations continues to be our priority with ambitions to expand to 5-days a week drop-in. We recognize the need for barrier free recreation opportunities to provide alternatives to substance abuse and criminal behaviours.
- As we continue enhancing and expanding our offerings, the efforts to secure permanent and sustainable funding remains a concern.

Youth Advisory Council

- In accordance with the YES Project and our past efforts to provide youth voices a platform we will be introducing the Youth Advisory Council.
- The council will aim to represent Penticton's increasingly diverse youth demographic to inform youth services, and our community of the needs of youth by youth.
- We encourage our council and community partners to amplify our youth's voices and provide them with the platform they deserve.

Testimonials:

“I attend YES because it is a positive, fun and safe place to hang out with my friends. They have lots of cool events that don't happen often in the community. YES is a step in the right direction to stay connected and to reach youth.”

-YES Participant



Questions ?





Opportunity
Changes
Everything





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Second choice(s): Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Subject matter: Introduction of new organization and upcoming event

Name of person(s) making presentation:

Julia McKay, Community Captain & Nicolas Stulberg, President

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: ourneighbourhoodpenticton@

Please provide details of your presentation or request of Council here: (or provide a detailed attachment)

The Penticton Neighbourhood Association will be hosting its first event on Sunday, June 11th at the Penticton Seniors Drop-in Centre. We would like to give a presentation that describes the PNA's orgnazinational structure, invite residents to become members, and promote upcoming meetings and events.

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