

November 16, 2021 - Council Meeting Highlights

Downtown Penticton Association (DPA) Concerns

Lynn Allin, Executive Director and Trevor Guerard, President spoke to the 2022 Draft Budget, asking Council to utilize reserves to put a freeze on tax increases. They also asked Council to implement measures to help with community safety and to conduct a financial review of the downtown parking meters and reinstate one-hour free parking downtown.

Chamber of Commerce Update and Status

Diane Kereluk, Executive Director and Jonathan McGraw, President spoke to the 2022 Budget, asking that no more than a 2% tax increase be put toward increasing RCMP officers and other protective services and that the rest of the funding for this area comes from reserves. They noted that businesses are just recovering from COVID-19, and that a general services tax increase for 2022 should be limited to 2%, meaning the overall increase would be limited to 4%. They also asked that utility rates are held constant for 2022. They then highlighted some common themes that they have heard from their member businesses in 2021.

Community Action Team (CAT) Update

Jen Casorso and Ali Butler provided an update about the Penticton Community Action Team (CAT) and its work to address the toxic drug supply crisis and overdose crisis. Representatives from the South Okanagan Lived Experience (SOLE) spoke to current initiatives and priorities of the organization.

Climate Issues and the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

Lori Goldman spoke in support of the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and requested that Council declare a Climate Emergency.

BC Transit Future Action Plan Process and Engagement

Chelsea Mossey and Adriana McMullen spoke via zoom regarding the Transit Future Action Plan, Local Ridership Context and service changes that are coming in 2022.

2021 Community Climate Action Plan Endorsement

Delegation Via Zoom: Peter Robinson and Greg Dong, Community Energy Association (CEA)

Council adopted the Penticton Community Climate Action Plan, a plan to help lay the foundation for individuals and businesses to make cleaner climate choices. By implementing the CCAP to the fullest extent, Penticton will reduce its emissions by a projected 42 per cent below 2007 levels by 2030. Implementation will get underway in 2022 with the creation of a Community Electric Vehicle Readiness Strategy, an update to the Home Energy Loan Program, and a new web page with resources available to residents. This work will be followed by recommendations to enhance our urban tree canopy, support electric and active mobility, and encourage home energy retrofits.

Community Action Team Memorandum of Understanding

Council supported a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Penticton Community Action Team and Urban Matters to implement, report on, and evaluate the Vancouver Foundation Grant activities.

Safe and Healthy Communities Pilot: Lived Experience Collaboration with ASK Wellness

Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding with ASK Wellness Society which outlines an initiative led by Ask Wellness, where person's with lived experiences participating in their supportive housing vocational program, provide clean-up service on public lands.

Council Meeting Schedule for 2022

Council approved the following dates for the 2022 Regular Meetings of Council: January 18; February 1, 15; March 1, 15; April 5; May 3, 17; June 7, 21; July 5, 19; August 16; September 20; October 4; November 1, 15; and December 6, 20.

Travel Penticton Society and Penticton and Wine Country Chamber of Commerce License to Use Agreement - Jubilee Pavilion Re: 185 Lakeshore Drive West

Council approved a referral to renew a two-year License to Use agreement to Travel Penticton Society and Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Jubilee Pavilion building located at 185 Lakeshore Drive West to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation.

Responsible Liquor Consumption in Designated Public Places 2021 Recap and Bylaw 2021-44

Council gave first, second and third reading to "Liquor Consumption (Okanagan Beach east of Power Street, Rotary Park, Okanagan Lake Park, Marina Way Park and Skaha Park) Bylaw No. 2021-44", a bylaw that allows liquor consumption in select parks and beaches along the Okanagan and Skaha lakefronts for May 1 – October 31, 2022 from 12 PM to 8 PM.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-41

Development Variance Permit PL2021-9105, Development Permit PL2021-9104

Re: 602 Lakeshore Drive West

Council gave first reading to "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-41", a bylaw to rezone 602 Lakeshore Drive West, from R2 (Small Lot Residential) to RM3 (Medium Density Multiple Housing), and forward the bylaw to the December 7, 2021 Public Hearing. Council, prior to adoption of Bylaw No. 2021-41 will require payment for the installation of a new fire hydrant (\$9,500.00).

Council, prior to adoption of "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-41", will consider "Development Variance Permit PL2021-9105", a permit to vary the following sections of Zoning Bylaw No. 2021-01:

1. to reduce the minimum interior side yard for a principal building from 4.5 m to 3.0 m and an accessory building from 4.5 m to 0.05 m;
2. to reduce the minimum rear yard for an accessory building from 6.0 m to 0.05 m;
3. to increase the maximum lot area that can be covered with hard surfacing from 60% to 84%; and
4. to allow a landscaping buffer to be interrupted by a parking lot at the rear of the property.

Council, subject to approval of "Development Variance Permit PL2021-9105", approve "Development Permit PL2021-9104", at 602 Lakeshore Drive West, a permit to allow for the construction of an 8 unit, four-storey apartment.

Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-42

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-43

Re: South Beach Drive and Sudbury Avenue

Council supported Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-42", a bylaw that amends future Land Use designation for the following properties from 'Parks' to 'Detached Residential' 270 South Beach Drive, 274 South Beach Drive, 278 South Beach Drive, 280 South Beach Drive, 286 South Beach Drive, 292 South Beach Drive, 298 South Beach Drive and 300 Sudbury Avenue.

Council gave first reading to "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-43", a bylaw to rezone the following properties from the 'P2 (Parks and Recreation)' zone to the 'R1 (Large Lot Residential)' 298 South Beach Drive and 300 Sudbury Avenue. Council forwarded "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-42" and "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2021-43" to the December 7, 2021 Public Hearing.

These highlights are intended to provide a brief summary of recent Council proceedings. The summary is not inclusive of all agenda items. For a detailed account of the full agenda, including staff reports, other supporting documents and official meeting minutes, please consult the City's website (www.penticton.ca/council) or call the City's Corporate Administration Department at 250-490-2400.