



November 19, 2019 – Council Meeting Highlights

Declaring a Climate Emergency

Nicolas Stulberg provided Council with an overview of what declaring a climate emergency might look like in the City of Penticton. Council referred the request to declare a climate emergency in the City of Penticton to the Community Sustainability Committee meeting in January 2020.

Locum Housing for Physicians

Dr. Brian Forzley and Dr. David Stoll provided Council with a presentation on locum statistics, the associated housing challenges and their request for seed funding in the amount of \$30,000.

During the 'Business Arising' portion of the agenda, Council approved funding of \$30,000 for the Locum Housing physicians to be funded from the 2019 budget.

Endorsement of Statement on Equitable Access to Ebooks

Heather Buzzell, Chief Librarian, Penticton Public Library, provided Council with a presentation on the request for endorsement to the Association of British Columbia Public Library Directors on equitable public access to E-Books.

During the 'Business Arising' portion of the agenda, Council endorsed the communication titled "Statement on Equitable Public Access to E-Books" and directed the Mayor to sign the statement from The Canadian Urban Libraries Council to form part of the submission from British Columbia.

Presentation of Expedition Canada – Hoodoo Adventures

Lyndie Hill and Nathalie Long provided Council with a presentation and video on a new international race to Penticton in June 2020 called Adventure Racing World Series.

Skaha Park East Plan

JoAnne Kleb, Engagement Strategist, and Ben Johnson, Acting Director of Development Services, provided Council with an update on the plan for Skaha Park East Plan. Upcoming opportunities for residents to discuss the Skaha Park East Plan include two multi-topic Open Houses scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, December 4, 2019 between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre
- Thursday, December 5 between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Seniors' Drop-in Centre

Release of Items from Closed Meeting

- Council made the following appointments:
- Arts, Creative and Cultural Innovation Committee: Anita Petersen, Brenda Longland, Mairoula Dimopoulos, Juliana Buitenhuis as members at large; Kim Palmer, Shatford Centre and Okanagan School of Arts representative; Paul Crawford, Penticton Art Gallery representative; and Timothy Tweed, Penticton and District Community Arts Council representative.
- Community Sustainability Advisory Committee: Chris Allen, Margaret Holm, Brad Dollevoet, Randy Boras, Nicolas Stulburg as members at large; Jaqueline Duncan, Interior Health representative; Brian Rippy, Okanagan College representative; and Philip Hawkes, Fortis BC representative.
- Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee: Anne Hargrave and Gerald Buzzell as members at large; Karen Collins, Shatford Centre and Okanagan School of Arts representative; Brad Hillis, Leir House representative; and Arlana Tanner, SS Sicamous Society representative.
- Safety and Security Advisory Committee: Matthew Camirand, Cheryl Watts, Matt Taylor, Nicolette Rodriguez and Adam Power as members at large; Lynn Allin, Downtown Penticton Association

representative; and Daryl Clarke, Chamber of Commerce representative.

- Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee: Sandy Ross, Parks and Recreation Advisory representative; Gerry Turchak, Penticton Industrial Development Association representative; and Drew Nagy, Alternate Penticton Industrial Development Association representative.
- Council appointed Councillor Watt as the Council liaison to Penticton and Area Cycling Association.

Complimentary Christmas Parking Downtown

Council approved free on-street parking in the downtown area on the four Saturdays in December 2019 which includes December 7, 14, 21, 28.

Consideration of Declaration and Remedial Action

Council declared the single detached dwelling and detached shed located at 377 Winnipeg Street a nuisance as the buildings are dilapidated, unclean and offensive to the community and ordered remedial action requirements of the owner.

Penticton as an Age Friendly Community

Council committed the City of Penticton to becoming a designated 'age friendly community' through the 'Age Friendly BC Community Recognition Program' administered by the Ministry of Health. Council also directed staff to apply through the Union of BC Municipalities Age Friendly Communities Program, for Stream 1 funding to complete an 'age friendly assessment' and 'action plan' in 2020.

Community Food Action Initiative Grant Opportunity

Council directed staff to apply for grant funding through the Interior Health multi-year 'Community Food Action Initiative' program to complete a 'food security plan' for Penticton and for plan implementation.

Budget Request for Hospital Bus Stop Construction

Working with Interior Health, Council approved the design and construction of a new bus stop at the Penticton Regional Hospital at a cost of \$35,000 to be funded by the City to construct a wheelchair ramp and provide direct access from the bus stop to the hospital while Interior Health provides funding of approximately \$150,000 for the remainder of the project.

Council Meeting Schedule for 2020

Council selected the following dates for the 2020 Regular Meetings of Council: January 7 and 21, February 4, March 3 and 17, April 7 and 21, May 5 and 19, June 2 and 16, July 7 and 21, August 18, September 1 and 15, October 6 and 20, November 3 and 17 and December 8.

Appointment of Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Directors

Council approved the following 2020 Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) director appointments and vote distributions:

- John Vassilaki (5)
- Jake Kimberly (5)
- Frank Regehr (5)
- Julius Bloomfield (4)
- Katie Robinson, First Alternate Director
- Judy Sentes, Second Alternate Director
- Campbell Watt, Third Alternate Director

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.