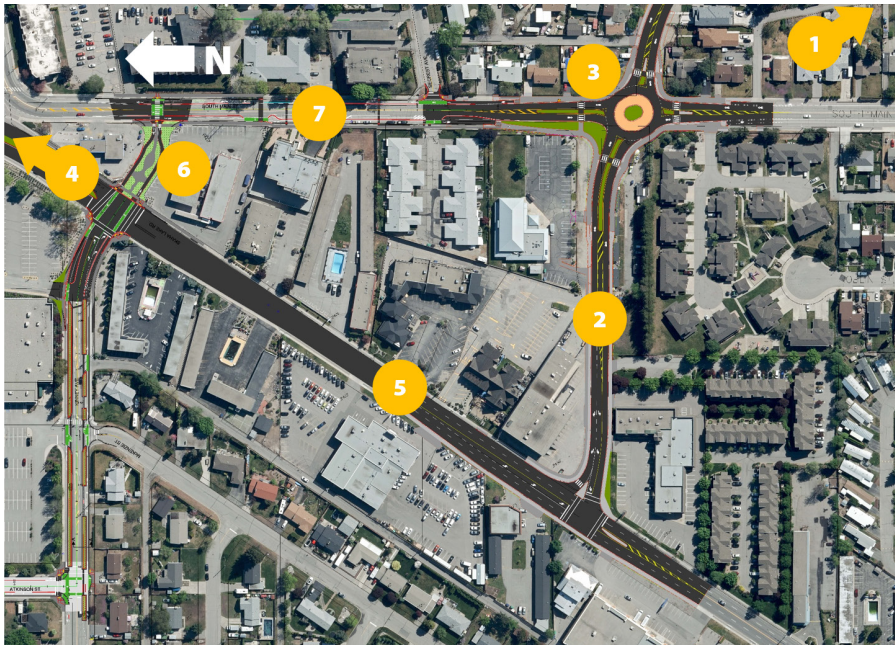


# CITY news

## Work begins on Point Intersection

Construction has started on the Point Intersection group of projects. This \$10.5-million project is anticipated to be completed by fall 2024 and includes the improvements listed below.



### 2023

1. Install sidewalk and traffic calming on Greenwood Dr.
2. Reconstruct Galt Ave. this spring.
3. Install new roundabout at Galt Ave., Pineview Rd. and South Main St. in the fall.
4. Repave along Main St. and Warren Ave. in the fall.

### 2024

5. Repave Skaha Lake Rd.
6. Close Kinney Ave. to vehicle traffic between Skaha Lake Rd. and South Main St.
7. Install the Kinney to Galt section of the Lake-to-Lake Route.

Visit [penticton.ca/point-intersection](http://penticton.ca/point-intersection) for the latest timeline updates and traffic impacts. Have questions? Email [engineering@penticton.ca](mailto:engineering@penticton.ca) or call 250-490-2521.

## Housing Review

A review of the City’s housing policies in the Official Community Plan is now underway. Identified as a priority of Council, the review examines the need for housing and the diversity of the existing stock, and identifies areas where lot size and available infrastructure can help address the gaps.

“The demand for housing in Penticton has far exceeded the predictions in the current Official Community Plan. The result has been a lack of affordable inventory, which has been particularly hard on our local workforce,” said Mayor Julius Bloomfield. “With this review, we can revisit our approach to managing growth and be more deliberate in how and where we grow, making the most of the City’s infrastructure and available land.”



The City is creating a community task force to guide the process. Residents will also be invited to participate. Register with [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca) to receive information directly about this work.

## Help shape our CommuniTREE Plan

Penticton’s urban forest encompasses every tree within City limits and where they grow. Trees on City property in parks and streets are included, as are trees in yards, parking lots and landscaping on private property.

The Official CommuniTREE plan aims to protect and expand the urban forest. It will define a vision and set a course to achieve over the next 20 years. It will also map the urban forest to establish a baseline to be used to measure future progress.

Plan development will include public opportunities to share ideas to reduce barriers for protecting existing trees and planting more. Follow this work as it progresses at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca/communitree-plan](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca/communitree-plan).



## Meet your City Council



Julius Bloomfield  
Mayor



Amelia Boutbee  
Councillor



Isaac Gilbert  
Councillor



Ryan Graham  
Councillor



Helena Konanz  
Councillor



James Miller  
Councillor



Campbell Watt  
Councillor

## Budget focuses on safety

City Council approved the 2023 budget, which focuses on community safety, housing affordability, maintaining service levels for residents and doing it in a fiscally sustainable way. With the tax increase set at 9.5%, the average homeowner will pay an extra \$14 per month. Tax notices will go out in mid-June with payment due by July 31.

Budget highlights include:

- The addition of four firefighters and two RCMP officers.
- An update to the housing section of our Official Community Plan.
- Investing \$12.6 million to repair or replace water, electrical and sewer infrastructure.
- \$15.2 million for capital projects such as a new Community Safety Building, recover the soccer bubble, rehabilitate pavement, update tennis courts, add a new fire truck and complete the Lake-to-Lake Route.

The budget includes an increase of 3.4% to meet inflationary pressures and contractual obligations, as well as a 2.8% increase to advance Council priorities. It also contains a 3.3% increase to address the first year of a tax deferral made by the previous Council and uses surplus reserves to offset the deficit until fully phased in over the next three years.

Work on the 2024 budget will begin this fall and will include a 3.3% increase to address the second year of the tax deferral.

### ESTIMATED TOTAL MONTHLY INCREASES

#### Residents

**9.5% = \$14**

Residents average annual increase of **\$173** per year, based on average annual property assessment of **\$661,564**.

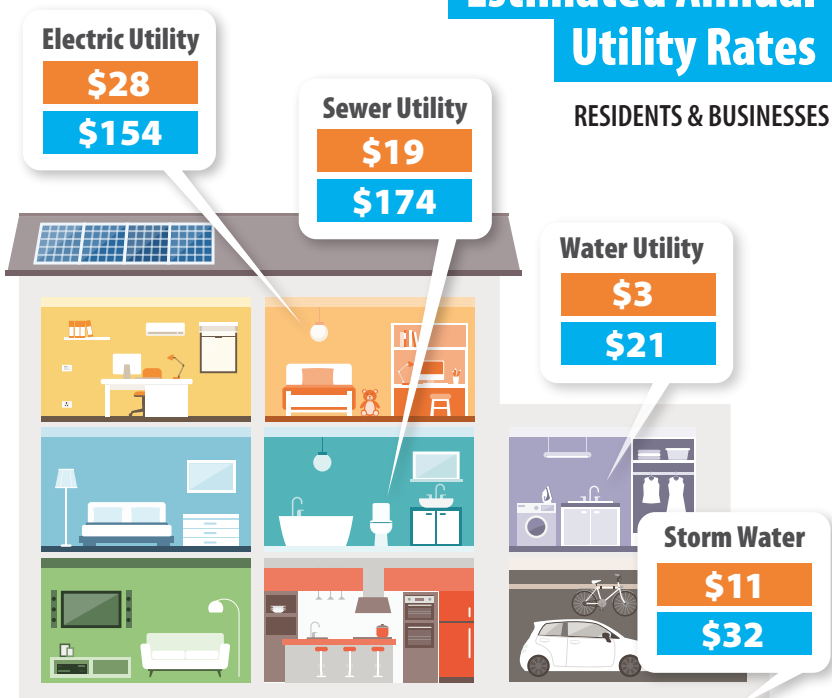
#### Businesses

**9.5% = \$55**

Businesses average annual increase of **\$659** per year, based on annual average property assessment of **\$1,164,930**.

## Estimated Annual Utility Rates

RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES



#### RESIDENTS

Average Residential Property will pay an estimated additional **\$61** annually, approximately **\$5** more per month.

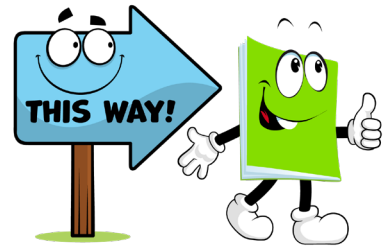
#### BUSINESSES

Average Business Property will pay an estimated additional **\$380** annually, approximately **\$31** more per month.

*\*Rates shown above are the average changes in annual utilities.*

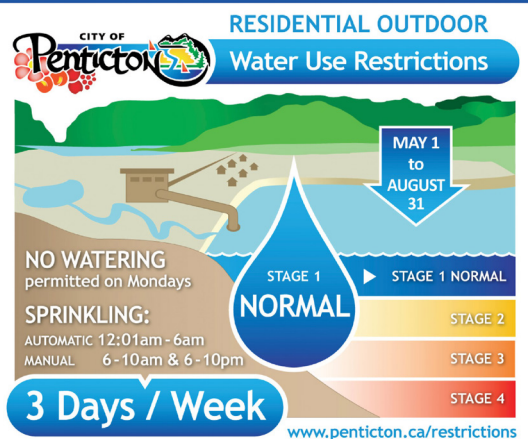
## 12,300 lb of books recycled

The City's book recycling pilot project will be extended for the rest of the year, having already diverted more than 12,300 lb (5,550 kg) of books to recycling, which otherwise may have landed in the landfill. Residents can recycle their out-of-date books in the bins in the lobby of the Penticton Library.



## Water restrictions in effect

### STAGE 1: MAY 1 - AUGUST 31



## Mark your calendars

**Meadowlark Nature Festival**  
[May 19-22](#)

**Ha Ha Ha Kidz Festival**  
[June 8-10](#)

**Elvis Festival**  
[June 22-25](#)

**Peach City Beach Cruise**  
[June 23-25](#)

**Pow Wow Between the Lakes**  
[June 23-25](#)

**Ribfest**  
[June 30-July 2](#)

**Canada Day**  
[July 1](#)

**Penticton Scottish Festival**  
[July 1](#)

**Okanagan Granfondo**  
[July 9](#)

For a full list of upcoming events, visit [penticton.ca/events](http://penticton.ca/events)

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