



## Business case for future arena use set to kick off

Work on the business case for the future of Penticton's arenas is getting underway. Sierra Planning and Management has been hired to study the feasibility of the vision for Penticton's arenas adopted by Council this past July based on the work of the Penticton Arena Task Force. The vision proposes a new twin-surface, multi-sport facility on the SOEC campus, conversion of Memorial Arena to a dry floor facility and the eventual decommissioning of McLaren Arena.

"The business case is the next step towards making a decision on the future of Penticton arenas and making the vision a reality," says Mayor Andrew Jakubeit. "This is potentially a \$34-million dollar investment so we need to support it with proper analysis and confirm it is the right plan for the community for the next 50 years."

The scope of the business case includes a more in-depth study of the total lifecycle costs to build the new facility and reconfigure Memorial Arena as well as estimate revenue and operating expenses. It will also explore potential operating efficiencies from locating the facilities at SOEC and include a detailed parking and traffic study.

"Next to financial impact, one of the most common questions from residents about this proposal is the impact on traffic and parking in the area," says Mayor Jakubeit. "This work will help to answer whether or not we can take advantage of locating these facilities on the SOEC campus."

Also on the list of activities for the consultants is to further develop the funding strategy and assist in finding grant opportunities. The

City is still waiting to learn the outcome of the application for the \$6 million infrastructure grant that was applied for in 2017. The results for the outcome of the grant are expected to be announced in early 2018.

"There have since been new grants announced from the federal government that are an even better fit and offer greater funding," says Bregje Kozak, Director of Recreation and Facilities. "We are continuously looking for new opportunities for non-tax dollars."

The goal is to complete the business case this spring at which point the results will be shared with the community. Various user groups and stakeholders will be invited to be involved in the work as the need arises.



*Bregje Kozak, Director of Recreation and Facilities stands new location envisioned by the Arena Task Force for a new twin-surface, multi-purpose facility. Work on a business case for the proposed facility as well as the conversion of Memorial Arena is kicking off.*





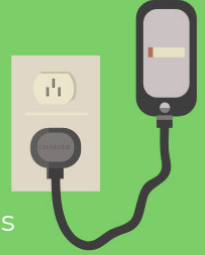
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Ensure fridge is set between **2°C and 3°C** and freezer should be set at **-18°C**



Change the **5 most used** fixtures to Energy Star qualified lighting

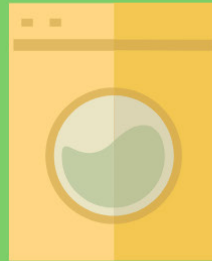


Turn off electronics when **not** in use

Ensure oven **door seals** are in good condition



Wash clothes in **cold water** and wash only full loads



**Hang laundry** to dry instead of using the dryer

## New housing initiative comes to Penticton

People experiencing homelessness in Penticton will soon have access to new supportive housing with the Province and the City of Penticton entering into a partnership to provide up to 52 units of modular housing.

The modular units will supply urgent housing and support services for those who need it most. The units will have 24/7 staffing, administered through a non-profit housing partner, and will include services to help residents stabilize and rebuild their lives.

Penticton is the eighth B.C. municipality to use the Province's

new modular housing program to begin to address homelessness.

"Along with the Province, we've been working hard to help facilitate solutions with non-profits to address homelessness and housing affordability," said Andrew Jakubeit, mayor of Penticton. "We are very thankful for the Province to commit to helping our community. Housing is the main foundation for a person's physical well-being, mental health, and opportunity to regain dignity and become a productive contributor to a community."

*Sample of modular housing provided from Terrace, BC.*



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