



Planning for the future of the City's waste water solids

One of the greatest conveniences of living in a modern city is definitely the sewer system. Many of us take this service for granted and rarely think about what happens to the waste when we flush the toilet or empty our dishwasher. We also don't realize that even with the advanced technology of the City's waste water treatment system, there is still a waste product that needs to be managed. It's called waste water solids or sludge and today, Penticton trucks its solids to the Campbell Mountain landfill site where it is mixed with organic material and composted so it can be safely used in our gardens. But time is running out for our compost facility and the City needs to plan for the future.

"A lot has changed since the City established the compost pile in the early 1990s," says Len Robson, Manager of Public Works. "Our system is getting old and does not comply with new regulations. The situation is further complicated

by the fact that the market for the compost has dried up with the removal of orchards in the area. We need to think about how we are going to handle waste water solids in the future."

The City is currently exploring new options for handling solids from simply replacing the current system to introducing state-of-the-art-technology. The City will also look at the cost of the options as well as the potential impact on the environment and the residents that neighbour the operations.

"We are pretty fortunate as our current sites can accommodate many different options," says Robson. "We know that the management of the solids from the waste water treatment process is important to people so we will keep residents informed, share what we learn, consider feedback before making a recommendation."

A report summarizing the pros and cons of the different options

will be shared with Council and the community later this fall. Residents can watch a video to learn more about the waste water treatment process and get updates as the review is completed at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca.

6 Ways to Use Penticton Compost

Our compost is safe, effective, environmentally-friendly, abundant, and affordable. Get instructions for using it at penticton.ca.

- New Gardens or Lawns
- Mulch
- Flower and Vegetable Gardens
- New Lawns Seeding
- Lawn Top Dressing
- Pots and Planters



The solids from Penticton's waste water treatment process are composted at the Campbell Mountain Landfill.

Firefighters polish skills at training symposium

Over a three day period April 6 through to April 8, 150 firefighters from 27 jurisdictions across BC joined their peers from the Penticton Fire Department to attend a Wildland Urban Interface Training Symposium.

Designed to help improve knowledge of and response to wildfires, the symposium included scheduled training exercises involving supervised burning and the active and visible deployment of fire service personnel, fire apparatus and aircraft in the Campbell Mountain area neighborhood.

"The Penticton Fire Department wishes to thank Campbell Mountain area residents for their patience and

understanding while this essential training exercise was carried out", said Penticton Fire Chief, Larry Watkinson. "The knowledge gained through this event benefited not only our local firefighters and the

residents they protect, but also the crews and residents of the attending 12 dozen BC communities who also respond to fire events involving wildland urban interface conditions."



Mike Biden

Opportunity to give being an Olympian a try

"Give it a Try!" is a one-day session where people over 55 are given the opportunity to try a number of sports and activities that are related to the 55+ BC Games.

It is an opportunity for members of the community to come together through sport to learn more about the 55+ BC Games and the services and programs at their local community centre in a fun and social environment.



Activities include:

Pickleball - a free introductory lesson to the sport of Pickleball, with time to test your skills and play a game or two.

Floor Curling - a free introductory lesson to the sport of Floor Curling led by "Rocks & Rings", with time to test your skills and play a game or two.

Bridge Tournament - come and try the game of Bridge, followed by a light catered lunch by the Penticton Seniors Centre.

Dragonboat Demonstration - see why this is one of the fastest growing sports in BC. Paddling is

well suited to men and women of all ages and abilities. Participants will receive instruction and a chance to paddle themselves! In partnership with the Regional District Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS).

The event takes place May 31, 2018.

The deadline to register is May 24, 2018. There is limited space per each activity, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible.

For additional information, please visit www.penticton.ca/recreation and look for the "Give it a try" logo.

SOEC grounds to expand with purchase of additional land

In recognition of the growing volume of activities taking place at the South Okanagan Events Centre (SOEC) complex, the City has acquired four nearby properties along Eckhardt Avenue that, after existing structures are removed, will provide new land for further development.

The cost of the four Eckhardt Avenue properties totalled \$1,515,550, with funds for the purchase being drawn from the City's Land Acquisition Reserve.



"The land's future use will be determined in part by the outcome of the City's forthcoming SOEC parking strategy, set to commence soon", said Chief Financial Officer, Jim Bauer.

"In the short-term, visitors to the SOEC are advised to watch for the arrival of 40 additional parking spaces currently occupied by the vacated temporary Visitor Centre."