



Juicy dialogue at multi-topic open house

Residents were invited to get their juices flowing at an open house in August. The City mixed four 'juicy' topics in one open house to make it easier for residents to get involved in the discussion about the legalization of cannabis in the city, the future of waste water solids management, the findings from the SOEC parking study and proposed changes to the Building Bylaw.

"These are four important projects that are in various stages of development but all at a point of needing input from the community," says JoAnne Kleb, Engagement Strategist. "Blending the topics into a single event is an effective use of residents' time and City resources and created a great environment for juicy dialogue."

Over 160 residents attended the open house and shared their feedback with staff. A summary of each of the topics is provided below. "This open house is an opportunity to report back on what we have learned and discuss where the work is heading before the recommendations are prepared or reviewed with Council for decision," says Kleb. All of the display materials are now available at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca.

Topic #1 Cannabis Framework

The City is involving the community in determining the rules for the retail sales and public use of cannabis in Penticton when it is legalized in October. Citizens were asked to share their view in a community survey conducted in April. Based on the feedback received, staff proposed a number of recommendations to allow for legitimate sales while minimizing exposure to youth. Residents were invited to comment on the



Blake Laven, Planning Manager, speaks with residents about proposed Cannabis Framework.

proposed framework at the open house. Feedback collected will be used to refine the framework and prepare the necessary policies and procedures to review with Council in the fall.

Topic #2 Waste Water Solids Study

The City announced plans to review the options for managing the solids from the waste water treatment process on April 13. Solids from the waste water treatment plant are currently trucked to the Campbell Mountain Landfill and composted. The compost site is aging and needs a \$2.5 million investment to bring it into compliance with current regulations. The purpose of the review is to determine whether or not the current process is the best investment for the future. The City reviewed 23 different processes for treating the waste water solids and developed a shortlist of options to discuss with the community in order to prepare a recommendation for Council in the fall.

Topic #3 Building Bylaw Modernization

The City announced plans to modernize the Building Bylaw on May 8. A new bylaw will reflect recent changes in provincial legislation

and phase in the recommendations from the new BC Energy Step Code. The changes will affect the requirements for residential and commercial construction. The City is reviewing the changes with residents and gathering feedback on the bylaw and implementation plan before taking the bylaw to Council for approval this fall.

Topic #4 SOEC Parking Study

The City announced plans to update a 2015 parking study at the SOEC complex on May 23 in order to address parking pressures in the area. The goal of the study is to collect current data on parking demand in order to identify opportunities to better manage available parking. The City conducted a survey to gather feedback from users of the facilities and area residents and performed parking counts during typical and busy weekends at the site. The survey results and some of the initial findings from the counts were shared in June. Remaining results and information about possible options were shared at the open house in August. Staff members are preparing recommendations based on the results of the study and feedback from the community.

Local Government 2018 Election Information

Voting opportunities

Advance voting for the 2018 General Local Election will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, October 10, 2018: City Hall, 171 Main Street

Saturday, October 13, 2018: KVR Middle School, 300 Jermyn Avenue

Thursday, October 18, 2018: Penticton Seniors' Drop-In Centre, 2965 South Main Street

General voting day is Saturday, October 20, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre, 273 Power Street and at the Penticton Seniors' Drop-In Centre, 2965 South Main Street.

Register at time of voting and ID requirements

If you are not already on the List of Electors, you can register at time of voting. You must complete the application form including your date of birth or the last 6 digits of your social insurance number and provide 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove both residency and identity. Picture identification is not necessary. An elector will also be required to make a declaration as follows:

- You are 18 years of age or older;
- You are a Canadian Citizen;

- You have been a resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding the day of registration;
- You have been a resident of the City of Penticton for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration;
- You are not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Mail ballot voting

Mail ballot voting will be available for those persons who qualify as electors, who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity or persons who expect to be absent from the municipality on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities. Mail ballots must be received by the Chief Election Officer before the close of voting on general voting day. Electors can contact City Hall to request a mail ballot package.

Do you have election questions? We'd love to answer them.

For more election information or on how to become an election worker, contact the following:

Laurie Darcus, Chief Election Officer at 250-490-2435

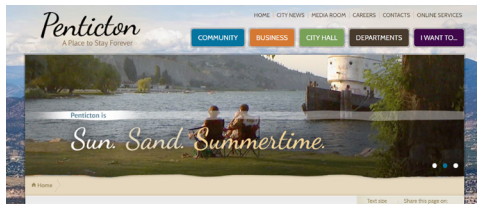
Dana Schmidt, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250-490-2405

Email: election@penticton.ca

www.penticton.ca/elections

Time to 'smarten up' www.penticton.ca

The City of Penticton is working on a new, smarter version of the website, www.penticton.ca.



"There are much more sophisticated platforms available today that easily adapt to mobile technology, integrate access to GIS and open data, and provide greater functionality for users," said Information Technology Manager, Dave Polvere. "Our goal will be to

have a platform that better serves the community's needs today as well as in the future."

Residents are invited to complete a survey at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca to share their feedback. The survey will run from September 12 through to October 31.

How to weatherproof your home

As temperatures drop, it's not uncommon to see higher energy bills for heating. Before you get an unexpected bill, try these three easy tips for winter savings.

1. Seal in the heat. Check around doors and windows. If you see gaps or cracks, you're losing heat. Look for draftproofing items like weatherstripping or door sweeps at your local hardware store.

2. Look in the window. If you see water droplets or frost on window panes, it's a clear sign of losing

valuable heat. Window film can help and is affordable and easy to install.

3. Tune up your heating system. Regularly clean or replace your furnace filter and have your heating system serviced annually by a licensed contractor to ensure it works safely and efficiently.

For more energy-saving tips, visit FortisBC's website.



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