



New Penticton Council gets sworn in

On November 6th residents, family and friends from across the community and around the valley witnessed the swearing in of Penticton's newly elected municipal Council during an evening event held at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre.

Presided over by the Honorable Gregory Koturbash, the occasion saw John Vassilaki sworn in as Penticton's 32nd Mayor along with Jake Kimberley, Frank Regehr, Katie Robinson, Julius Bloomfield, Judy Sentes, and Campbell Watt as City Councillors.

After the ceremony a brief meeting was held, followed by a reception with Council and guests.

Penticton Mayor John Vassilaki and Penticton Indian Band Chief Chad Eneas shake hands following Penticton City Council swearing in ceremony.

Bright future for business in Penticton

The first ever FutureBiz Penticton was a sellout event on November 8th at the Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre. A tight agenda of presenters kept 175 attendees in their seats as they heard about the local economy, future technologies, disruptive ideas, US tariffs, economic forecasts, and demographic insight. The combination of experts painted a clear picture of some of the challenges and opportunities that will be facing Penticton in the coming years through to 30 years from now.

While most attendees were representing local organizations, there were guests from as far as Edmonton, Nanaimo, and Vancouver as well as a good showing from up and down the Okanagan Valley.

FutureBiz Penticton was an initiative arising from the City of Penticton's Economic Development Department and is a direct result of conversations with the business community over the last few years. Event organizer and Economic Development Specialist, Jennifer Vincent, explained the impetus for the event, saying "Businesses understand that change is coming, and it's coming fast. But in the face of day-to-day business, it can be difficult to set aside time to look at the global economic shifts and relate them to the local scale."



FutureBiz Penticton attendees take in the presentation of one of the speakers at the Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre, November 8th.

FutureBiz Penticton follows the recent launch of the online data portal pentictonbiztoolkit.com which offers easy access to local economic data for businesses to make decisions to start, invest and grow in Penticton.

A summary video of FutureBizPenticton is being produced and will be available in the coming weeks on penticton.ca. For any questions about the event you can email economicdevelopment@penticton.ca.

Check sidewalks are clear of snow and ice

The City is reminding residents who own or occupy properties in Penticton to clear snow and ice from sidewalks bordering their properties. The Good Neighbour Bylaw requires all sidewalks adjoining private properties to be cleared of snow and ice before 11:00am following a weather event. As an additional measure to assist pedestrians crossing intersections, any accumulated or pushed snow near sidewalk corners should be cleared to ensure it does not become an obstacle.

“We all have a role to play in removing snow and ice. City sidewalks bordering public property are cleared by crews in accordance with the City’s snow clearing priorities while sidewalks bordering private property are the responsibility of the adjacent owner or occupant,” said Public Works Manager, Len Robson. “If the sidewalk bordering the property you own or occupy is covered in snow or ice, please see that it is cleared.”

Penticton residents are encouraged to report occurrences of snow and ice covered sidewalks to the City’s Bylaw Department within 24hrs of a snow event by phone (250-490-2440) or email (bylaw@penticton.ca).



Robinson Property plan progressing

The work on a long-term plan for the Robinson Property kicked off in October with two workshops involving members of the Penticton Seniors’ Drop-in Centre Society, representatives from pickleball, horseshoes and bocce ball as well as interested members of the community. Participants toured the property and learned more about the heritage and unique characteristics of the site and shared their ideas for the future. The City is now working on options for the plan based on the feedback. Residents are encouraged to register with shapeyourcitypenticton.ca to read about what was said and learn about upcoming opportunities to get involved.



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