



Robinson Property Master Plan concepts shared

Residents had three different concepts for the future of the Robinson Property to view at open houses held in March.

“We created three versions for the community to consider. One that maximizes the amenities, one that maximizes the green space and one that balances the two,” said Public Works Manager, Len Robson. “We asked citizens to look at the concepts, tell us which features they like and don’t like so that we can prepare a recommended version.”

The concepts were based on input from representatives of the Penticton Seniors’ Drop-in Centre, recreation groups like pickleball and horseshoes and the community-at-large. The need for a long-term vision for the plan was a recommendation in the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan because of interest in expanding the amenities at the site.

“The site is fairly well established as a recreation hub and this is something that participants have told us they want to see continue,” said Robson. “There is also a desire to enhance the natural features of the park and include things like community gardens and gathering spaces that are more in line with the design guidelines in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.”

Anyone not able to attend the open houses was able to view the concepts and provide their feedback on shapeyourcitypentiction.ca. The City is now compiling



City staff and residents review possible concepts for the Robinson Property at an open house in March.

the feedback to develop a single concept to review further with stakeholders and the community.

Where do your tax dollars go?

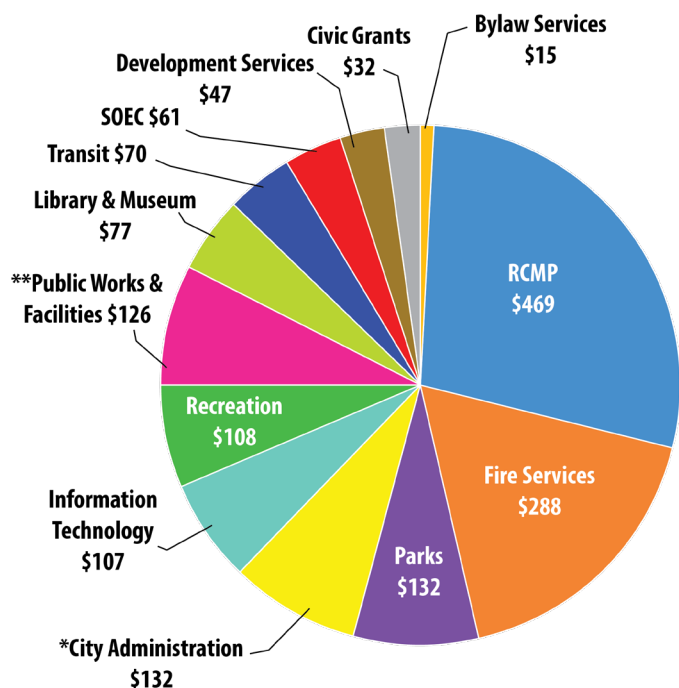
The average assessed value for a residential house in Penticton is \$451,567. A house assessed at this value would be required to pay approximately \$1,666 in property taxes. The distribution of those taxes are shown in the pie chart.

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Findings from the Utility Rate Review coming soon

The City reviews its utility rates every three years to determine what they need to be in order to properly fund the electric, water and sewer operations, infrastructure replacement, new infrastructure construction and reserve balances while considering the impact to customers.

The findings from the latest review along with recommendations for rates will be shared with Council and the public in April.

“The main goals of this review were to assess how well we are doing at closing the gap in the funding needed for the eventual replacement of infrastructure for each of the utilities and to see how our rates compare to

other municipalities,” says Mitch Moroziuk, General Manager Infrastructure.

Residents have been involved in the review since it was kicked off in late 2017. A task force was created to represent the interests of residential, industrial, commercial and agricultural customers in the process and citizens were invited to contribute through a survey.

Staff are planning to review the findings with Council and then discuss them with the community at two open houses. Go to shapeyourcitypenticton.ca for more information.

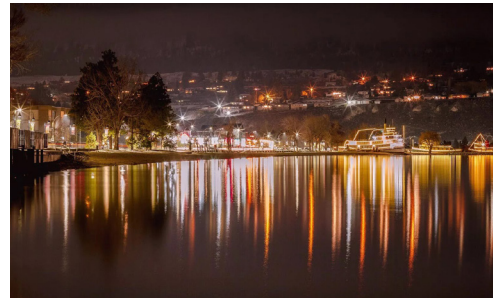
Favourite photos selected as contest closes



Recreation and Sports
Early morning water skiing - Darren Asher



Amenities and Places
Campbell Mountain at Sunset - Stephanie Atilano



Amenities and Places
Okanagan Lakeside - Nathan Penner



Innovation and Economy
Great Harvest - Janey Volden



Nature and Parks
Early Morning Glow - Joe Garcia



Arts, Culture & Events
Snowbirds Always and Exciting Welcome Visit to Penticton - Janey Volden

The City held a photo contest earlier this year to select feature shots for use on the City's new website. The votes are in and the people have selected their favourite photos from the *Snap Your City!* Photo Contest.

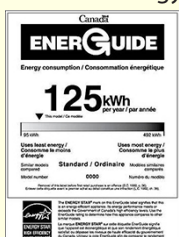
“More than great photos, this contest really surfaced immense pride in the community,” says JoAnne Kleb, Engagement Strategist. “Every photo received evoked a feeling or memory that is unique to living in Penticton and ties people together as a community.”

The photos will now go into the City's database to be used on the new website and other City publications.

Appliance shopping? What you need to know about energy labels



The EnerGuide® label tells you the energy consumption and efficiency of household electrical appliances, heating and cooling equipment, new homes and vehicles. An EnerGuide rating doesn't tell you if a particular item is energy efficient, rather it tells you how much energy it consumes.



ENERGY STAR® is an international symbol designating products that are the most efficient in their class. You'll find it on appliances, water heaters, furnaces, electronics and computers, windows and insulation. Fridges, freezers, clothes washers, dryers and dishwashers with the ENERGY STAR label use less energy than their standard efficiency counterparts. ENERGY STAR dishwashers and clothes washers also use less water than standard models.



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