



## Public Sculpture Exhibition enters its third year

The City of Penticton joined the community at the 2019 Public Sculpture Exhibition which took place Saturday, May 11 with a reception and artist talks at the Penticton Art Gallery Friday, May 10.

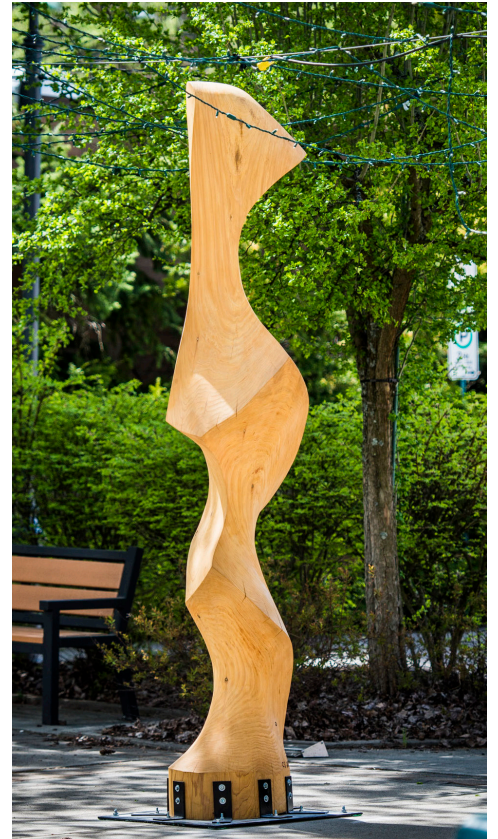
“It has been rewarding to launch this Public Sculpture Exhibition for a third year in a row,” says Recreation Business Supervisor, Kelsey Johnson. “The continued success will help ensure that we keep pushing this program forward, providing more opportunities to showcase public art and create as many conversations as possible.”

First established in 2016, Penticton’s Public Sculpture Exhibition is a year-long event designed to display a variety of sculptures for the public to enjoy. The artists use a range of materials and draw inspiration from the BC wilderness for the creation of their works.

“We are also very excited about introducing a permanent sculpture, ‘Helping Hand’ to our community,” says Johnson. “This sculpture has already initiated conversation and community involvement and it is sure to add to the city’s downtown vibrancy.”

The 2019 exhibition showcases five new pieces along lakeshore and the Front Street roundabout. The official opening took place on the steps of City Hall on May 11. During the opening, some artists were at their sculptures to meet members of the community.

For more information about the 2019 Public Sculpture Exhibition, including details on how to apply, background on current sculptures, and history of the program visit [www.penticton.ca](http://www.penticton.ca).



*‘Resurface’ is one of the five new sculptures along lakeshore and the Front Street roundabout.*

## Council takes City Hall to Penticton Secondary School

Local youth attending Penticton Secondary School received a live lesson in local government on May 7 when Penticton City Council deliberated municipal business in the school library.

The school-based meeting was held in an effort to engage youth and promote local government awareness.



*Council and City staff listen to a student delegation at the May 7 Council Meeting in the Penticton Secondary School library.*

“Our young residents often have little contact with, or even context around, local government and decisions that take place at City Hall,” said Mayor John Vassilaki. “A rounded education ought to expose youth to not only the subjects of math, science, language and arts, but also those matters that oversee the democratic procedures governing our community and the process by which community decisions are made by the people we elect.”

“Providing an opportunity for students to witness and participate in democratic processes is an important part of education,” says Vice Principal of Penticton Secondary School, Bo Boxall. “Having the City Council meeting at Pen High was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see firsthand how the locals can help lead important changes throughout our community. As a school, we were excited to welcome City Council to Pen High.”

To view the live streamed video, visit [penticton.ca](http://penticton.ca) and click City Hall > Mayor & Council > Council Meetings.



## Residents look ahead at utility rates

The City has completed its most recent review of utility rates and shared the findings with residents at two open houses in April. "The goal of the review is to determine what the rates need to be in order to properly fund the maintenance and operations of our electric, water and sewer utilities as well as the need to replace or build new infrastructure," says Infrastructure General Manager, Mitch Moroziuk. "It also compares Penticton's rates to other municipalities and considers the impact on customers and affordability."

Some of the key findings include:

- The reserves for the electric utility are forecast to be higher than required. As a result, the review is recommending a 0% increase in electrical rates for the next three years.



- The reserve balances for the water utility are slightly higher than required. As a result, the review is recommending a small annual rate increase for the next three years of 0.6% per year increasing the cost to the average household from \$47 per month in 2018 to \$50 per month in 2022. Agricultural rates are also recommended to continue to increase 4% per year for the next three years.

- The sanitary sewer system continues to be underfunded and the review is recommending rate increases of 16.5% per year for 2020 and 2021 followed by a modest increase of 3.7% for 2022 or from \$27.00 per month in 2018 to \$45 per month in 2022 for the average household.

Residents were invited to complete a form to share their feedback on the recommendations. Once all engagement activities are completed, the input gathered will be reviewed with the Utility Rate Review Task Force and options to address concerns will be generated and provided to Council as part of the final Utility Rate Review presentation. Go to [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca) for more information.

## Recreation launches S.A.F.E program

Recreation Penticton is excited to announce the new Social Activities and Fitness for Everyone program (S.A.F.E) which is funded in conjunction with the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA).

The S.A.F.E program is free, fun and was designed with an eye towards reaching and connecting with individuals 55 to 70 years old with cognitive disabilities, such as acquired brain injuries, stroke, dementia, cerebral palsy, and Parkinson's disease, or developmental disabilities who wish to engage socially with others and take part in a rotating schedule of fitness and recreation programs every week.

Each three-hour class consists of a different fitness/recreation activity run by established recreation programmers at the Community Centre, a healthy snack and social component and then open access to



### S.A.F.E. Program

the gym, pool and fitness centre where they will be supervised by certified fitness trainers. Participants will also receive a six-month pool or fitness centre pass of their choosing upon completion of the 10-week program. For more information or to fill out a screening form, please visit the Penticton Community Centre, [penticton.ca/recreation](http://penticton.ca/recreation), or call 250-490-2426.

## Keep your dog cool at the Saturday market

Planning on heading to the Saturday market with your furry friend? As we move into the hot weather, we ask that you be conscious of the pavement temperature for your dog's pads. You can test the temperature yourself by placing your hand or your bare foot on the ground for 10 seconds. If it's too hot for you, then it is too hot for your pet. To help keep all interactions safe and positive for everyone at the market, please be conscious of the following:

- All dogs must be on leash and under your control
- Take note of the temperature of the pavement
- If you are using a retractable leash, please only allow three feet in length
- Don't allow your dog to jump up on people
- Please pick up after your dog



To further help keep your pet cool, water stations are being provided on each block on both sides of the street. Enjoy the market season!

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