

CITY NEWS

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City marks one year countdown to 2020 Subaru Ironman

Subaru Ironman Canada is back in Penticton, with the 2020 event selling out in less than 24 hours, including 120 on-site registrations during the July 16 announcement event at Rotary Park. August 30 marked the one year countdown for Ironman's return and anticipation continues to grow.

"We are very excited to be coming home to Penticton with Subaru Ironman Canada 2020! Penticton is in many ways home to Ironman and the already sold out 2020 event will be one for the ages. We cannot wait to see everyone in August 2020," said Regional Director for Ironman, Dave Christen.

Penticton is well-known as a welcoming host City where residents embrace the athletes and support the event in various ways, including through volunteerism, sponsorship and offering accommodation.

Many athletes and visitors have already begun booking their accommodation. Those still looking can contact Travel Penticton for more information or consider Short Term Rental Properties or Homestay.

If you plan to share your home with an Ironman athlete or spectator,



please consider the following best practices to ensure the experience is safe and positive for you and your guests.

- Communicate expectations
- Emphasize hospitality
- Make safety and cleanliness your top priorities
- Set reasonable prices
- Go above and beyond

The City encourages residents to enthusiastically welcome Subaru Ironman Canada back home. Let the one-year countdown begin!

"Thank you to the City of Penticton and Travel Penticton for rolling out the red carpet for the athletes and making these accommodation options more available to our athletes," said Christen.

Pedal Penticton kicks off engagement on Lake to Lake route

On Saturday September 7, residents were invited to Pedal Penticton to learn about and try some of the innovations that are making it possible for all ages and abilities to cycle in the city. The event took place in Gyro Park to kick off upcoming engagement activities on a lake to lake cycling route.

Staff were on hand to discuss the project and plans to involve the community. A number of activities for attendees were also available including:

- e-bike demonstrations
- trishaw rides
- Road use tips
- Design ideas

The display materials shared at the event are available at shapeyourcitypentiction.ca. Residents are invited to sign up on the site to stay informed about opportunities to get involved in the lake-to-lake route process.



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Annual Flushing of Water Mains

The Public Works Department will be undertaking its annual water main flushing program across the City, now through October 31.

Flushing may result in the water supply showing sediment and discoloration in various areas. Although this sediment is bacterially harmless, it may cause discoloration to laundry if not detected. To avoid any inconvenience, check water colour prior to using.

If you do experience dirty water, run a cold water tap until water clears up.

We thank you for your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience you experience.

For more information contact the Public Works Department at (250) 490-2500.



Recreation Penticton addresses youth mental health

Through funding from the Province of British Columbia and programming provided by the YMCA, the City of Penticton's recreation department is excited to be hosting Teen Mindfulness,

a FREE six week program that supports teens ages 13 to 17 to learn and practice healthy coping strategies to better manage stress and anxiety. This group setting provides an opportunity for youth

to learn within a safe, comfortable and fun environment, surrounded by other teens experiencing similar thoughts and feelings. Participants engage in fun and creative activities to promote learning and artistic expression.

Recreation Penticton will be offering a safe space and three months of fitness room/pool combo passes to all participants. Information sessions are mandatory and run on Oct 17 and 24 from 5:30-7:00pm.

For more information on Teen Mindfulness and other free mindfulness programs offered by The City of Penticton, please contact Recreation Coordinator Amanda Dean at amanda.dean@penticton.ca.



Council Highlights

Council highlights are intended to provide a brief summary of recent Council meetings. To view the official meeting minutes and other council related information, visit penticton.ca/council.

Penticton Wastewater Solids Review Project

David Lycon, Senior Wastewater Process Engineer, Water – AECOM, and Len Robson, Public Works Manager, provided Council with a summary report for the City's Wastewater Solids Management Review project.

Net Metering – kWh Bank

Council directed staff to revert back to a Retail Monetary bank billing method and amend the Electric Utility Services Bylaw No. 2017-44 to purchase excess energy at the Retail Rate of energy appropriate to the Customers rate class, as well as directing staff to report on the progress of net metering to Council in 2024.

Support for Cannabis Retail Stores

Council directed staff to send a recommendation of support to the British Columbia Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) for non-medical cannabis

retail store licenses, in accordance with Council Policy, for the following property:

- 101-351 Westminster Avenue W (Completely Cannabis Co.)

