

# CITY NEWS

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## Kick start 2020 with great programs at the Community Centre

Recreation Penticton wants to help you achieve your fitness and wellness goals for the new year but offering new and returning programs. Visit [penticton.ca/recreation](http://penticton.ca/recreation) for full details on programs or call the Community Centre at 250-490-2426.

### Choose to Move



Are you 65 and older and looking for motivation to become physically active? Choose to Move is free and flexible, and provides you with motivation and support to become more active. You'll work with a trained activity coach to develop and stick to a physical activity plan made just for you. You choose activities that you know you'll enjoy and are able to do! With the help of your activity coach and support group, you will find the motivation and accountability you need to achieve your goals.

#### Information Session

Jan 22  
Wed, 10:30am - 12:00pm  
#3094

#### Choose to Move

Feb 5 - Apr 8  
Wed, 11:00am - 12:00pm  
#3095

### Loonie Sports

Nothing to do afterschool? Drop in for some dodgeball, hoops, floor hockey and more. Focusing on Physical Literacy and the fundamentals of sport, kids aged 6-12 will get a chance to try different sports instructed by local coaches.



Jan 7 - Mar 10  
Tue, 3:00 - 4:15pm  
\$1



### Adult Swim Lessons

It is NEVER too late to learn to swim! Whether you are a little bit afraid or just never got around to it, we can help you. Develop comfort in the water through attainment of basic floatation, movement and breathing skills, all in a safe and welcoming environment.

Feb 10 - Mar 11  
Mon & Wed, 7:00 - 7:45pm  
#2807



### Jr. Doodle Bug

Unleash all the colours of the rainbow! Create a masterpiece while you explore a variety of different tactile and art mediums. Children must be toilet trained to attend. This is an un-parented program.

1.5 - 3 years  
Jan 13 - Feb 24  
Mon, 10:00 - 11:00am  
#2867



### Tai Chi



Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese martial art, has evolved into an exceptional practice to improve overall fitness and well-being. Reduce anxiety and stress through a variety of rhythmic, fluid movements done slowly in a relaxed and aware state. An inclusive class for those with Tai Chi experience. Presented by Tian Yo Health & Fitness.

#### Beginner

Jan 20 - Feb 19  
Mon & Wed, 6:30 - 7:30pm  
\$39, Drop-in \$5  
#2854

#### Intermediate

Jan 20 - Feb 19  
Mon & Wed, 12:00 - 1:00pm  
\$62.10, Drop-in \$9  
#2879

#### Advanced

Jan 20 - Feb 19  
Mon & Wed, 7:00 - 8:00pm  
\$69, Drop-in \$9  
#2885

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## Job fair highlighted new opportunities

In light of recent news that Metric Modular is downsizing its Penticton labour force, the City of Penticton's Economic Development Department, in conjunction with Work BC's Penticton office, hosted a job fair. The public was welcome to attend in late November 2019 at the Work BC office at 174-1848 Main St.

Andrew Kemp, the City's Economic Development Specialist notes, "the regional unemployment rate remains quite low at 4.5 per cent and local employers I speak with continue to indicate the need for new employees. This event was an opportunity to provide those who are recently out of work employment opportunities and perhaps a new career choice." Several local employers attended the job fair looking to fill outstanding job openings.



## Three 'Hot' Topics in one evening

Residents had the opportunity to mull over three 'Hot' Topics in one evening during multi-topic open houses in early December 2019. City staff were on hand to discuss work on the Lake-to-Lake Cycling Route, the Skaha Lake Park East Plan, and the 2020-2024 Business and Financial Plans. The open houses saw over 400 citizens in attendance.

This was the second multi-topic open house hosted by the City. The first 'Juicy' Topics open house was held in 2018 and was attended by approximately 180 citizens.

All information shared at the open houses and other opportunities to provide feedback were made available at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca).

In celebration of the holiday season, the City also partnered



Manager of Special Projects, Ben Johnson, talks to residents about the Skaha Lake Park East Plan during the first of two 'Hot' Topics open houses in early December.

with Penticton Secondary School to support the annual Toys for Tots to Teens event. Anyone who was interested in attending the open houses was invited to bring a new

unwrapped toy, gift card or cash donation. The donations were given to various charities around the South Okanagan to distribute to children and youth in need.

## 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](http://penticton.ca/council).

### 2020-2024 Five-Year Financial Plan – Budget Primer

Jim Bauer, Chief Financial Officer provided Council with the highlights of the 2020 Corporate Business Plan and the 2020-2024 Financial Plan.

### Declaring a Climate Emergency

Nicolas Stulberg provided Council with an overview of what declaring a climate emergency might look like in the City of Penticton. Council referred the request to declare a climate emergency in the City of Penticton to the Community Sustainability Committee meeting in January 2020.

### Skaha Park East Plan

JoAnne Kleb, Engagement Strategist, and Ben Johnson, Acting Director of Development Services, provided Council with an update on the plan and community engagement for Skaha Park East.

