

First round of engagement results for Skaha Lake Park East Plan released

Residents had the opportunity to view the results of the engagement activities conducted in December 2019 to gather ideas for the creation of a long-term plan for the east portion of Skaha Lake Park. The future of the east end of Skaha Lake Park, including what to do about the marina and other aging facilities, was discussed as part of two open houses held in early December, as well as online through the City's shapeyourcitypenticton.ca website.

"We were very impressed with the quality of the input we received," said Special Projects Manager, Ben Johnson. "Participants clearly took the time to provide detailed and thoughtful comments that will be very helpful in shaping the plan for this area."

Staff are now analyzing the results and working on concepts to review with residents in the next phase of engagement. The



complete results were available at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca and were on display at the City's new engagement kiosks located at the Community Centre, City Hall and the Museum / Library lobby. The results were also reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at their February 3 meeting.

"I was pleased to hear there was such a good turnout to discuss this important topic," says Mayor John Vassilaki. "Council is looking forward to hearing what people have to say and seeing how this work evolves."

Residents are encouraged to register with shapeyourcitypenticton.ca to stay informed.

New Recreation Guide ready for spring/summer season



The new Spring/Summer 2020 Recreation Guide will be available online and in hardcopy March 5! If you do not receive your copy, you can pick one up at City Hall, the Penticton Community Centre, the Penticton Public Library and other locations around the city. The community can also view the guide and register for programs at penticton.ca/recreation.

For 2020, residents can enjoy new online features to fit their recreation needs. Features include registration for Childminding, Loonie Gym and Gymboree, or the opportunity to pay your upcoming or due invoices.

Look for new and returning programs and keep up to date on everything recreation by viewing weekly videos on the Recreation Penticton Facebook and Instagram accounts. The videos vary each week discussing programs, upcoming events, and other operational information.

Registration for Spring/Summer programs begins March 5, and residents can register by visiting 325 Power Street, calling 250-490-2426, or through the online registration system on the City website.

Downtown Bylaw Services location now under construction



Construction is underway for the downtown Bylaw Services location across from Nanaimo Square. The opening of the new space is expected sometime in the spring. The new office will create a valuable meeting and planning space where Bylaw and RCMP officers meet and collaborate. Also included is a Bylaw response front counter and a public non-emergency call phone with a direct line to the RCMP.

For more information about Bylaw go to www.penticton.ca, email bylaw@penticton.ca or call 250-490-2440.

City supports local special needs hockey group

The City of Penticton, in partnership with DekSmart Ltd. and numerous corporate sponsors within the South Okanagan Valley, continue to co-sponsor the special needs hockey program, Penticton Upper Dek Vees.

“We have participants that spent months just walking on their skates around the edges of the arena and now they can skate,” said Penticton Upper Dek Vees Head Coach, Jeremy Sirakov. “You get to see that passion because every time they carry the puck in and score, it’s almost like it’s their first time. You have to love the program because you get to see that happen.”

The hockey program officially came together in 2008 by a group of volunteer coaches to offer the special needs community in Penticton an opportunity to play hockey for all ages. The Upper Dek Vees now have a junior program and a senior program comprising of almost 50 players.



“We are excited to be involved with the Penticton Upper Dek Vees and support its initiatives of providing a safe, fun and supportive environment for its participants,” says Recreation Coordinator – Events, Lisa O’Daly. “We are delighted to continue supporting this program for our community.”

Residents had the opportunity to see this hockey group in action at

a fundraiser game against local RCMP. The “No Love Lost” game was held February 16 at 7:00pm at the Okanagan Hockey School rink. Admission was by donation and all funds collected were donated to the Alzheimer’s Association and special needs hockey.

Anyone interested in learning more about this hockey program can visit www.upperdekvees.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.

City Budget

Council adopted the “2020-2024 Five Year Financial Plan”, Bylaw No. 2020-01.

Memorandum of Understanding between the City and One Sky Community Resources in Support of Developing a New Childcare Facility on Kiwanis Park

Council directed the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and One Sky Community Resources, in support of developing a new childcare facility on Kiwanis Park.

Indoor Tennis Facility

Council directed staff to postpone any further action on the funding and development of a new publicly funded indoor tennis facility, until completion of the Asset and Amenity Management Plan or if there is new information or funding model.

