

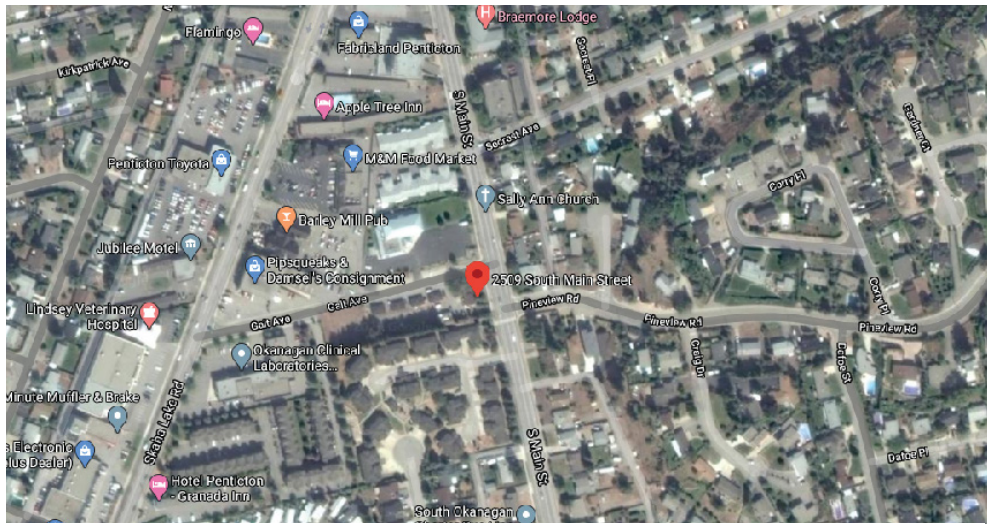
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Property purchased for future intersection upgrade

The first step of a project to address congestion at Kinney Avenue, between Skaha Lake Road and South Main Street, is now complete following the City's purchase of property at 2509 South Main Street, located across from the Galt Avenue, South Main and Pineview Road intersection.

"The City has monitored traffic in this area for a number of years and has investigated various solutions during that time," said City Engineer, Ian Chapman. "Several roads converge at Kinney Avenue where the current alignment and short length between South Main Street and Skaha Lake Road restrict capacity to accommodate increasing traffic volumes. The plan is to eliminate this bottleneck by creating more efficient connections around it."

By way of a proposed roundabout at Galt Avenue, South Main Street and Pineview Road, this intersection upgrade forms part of a larger multi-site traffic management solution that also includes additional upgrades at



Galt Avenue / Skaha Lake Road (new signalized intersection), Kinney Avenue between South Main Street and Skaha Lake Road (conversion to pedestrian and bike route) and minor lane marking upgrades at Warren Avenue / Main Street.

"The scope and complexity of these intersection upgrades requires a multi-year approach with 2020 focusing attention on property acquisition and building demolition at the 2509 South Main Street site," said Chief Financial Officer, Jim Bauer. The overall construction of the three traffic

management solutions is expected to be completed over the next few years, subject to priority setting and budget planning."

Purchased for \$1,460,000, the 2509 South Main Street property is the current site of the Shielings Motel, consisting of 13 one bedroom units. Following a required remediation of each unit, all 13 units will be demolished to accommodate a future road alignment supporting the proposed Galt Avenue, South Main Street and Pineview Road roundabout.

City tests new website – public feedback sought

The City of Penticton sought the public's input on its new website during a test launch March 10 through March 20.

Residents, businesses, visitors and organizations that rely on information contained on the current version of penticton.ca were encouraged to checkout the new site by visiting shapeyourcitypenticton.ca to access the test site and complete a survey.

"Our website forms a key pillar in the City's communication efforts, so after ten years of service, the current website is being replaced by something new," said City Webmaster, Milena Marshall. "Whether accessed by desktop or mobile device, the new website gives users a huge boost in terms of content and the presentation of that content."

Following an analysis of the current website's status and usage in the summer of 2018, work on the new website began in 2019 with major development ending in January, 2020. In conjunction with the new site, a supporting mobile app has also been developed



to provide users with a range of features, alerts and reporting functions.

The current opportunity to provide feedback marks the second occasion the City has sought public input on its website. Feedback was also gathered in September 2018, prior to the project commencing. After the test launch concludes and feedback is reviewed, the City intends to officially launch the new version of www.penticton.ca in April.

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Job-seekers attended Start Here Okanagan Job Fair



The Start Here Okanagan Job Fair came to Penticton Trade & Convention Centre in early March, bringing together hundreds of job-seekers and South Okanagan employers seeking both entry-level and experienced employees.

This trade show-style event, organized by the City of Penticton's Economic Development department, was the largest of its kind throughout the region.

The City of Penticton was pleased to have the support of the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction in the delivery of this event via a Labour Market Partnership Agreement.

City of Penticton one of seven municipalities offering men's health program

The City of Penticton's Recreation Department is collaborating with the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) to offer another older adult exercise program, with a focus on men who are with or recovering from prostate cancer.

SIRvivor BC: Prostate Cancer Exercise program is a part of the provincial initiative to create sustainable and accessible community exercise programs for men with prostate cancer, supported by the Prostate Cancer Supportive Care Program, a

comprehensive cancer survivorship program developed at the Vancouver Prostate Centre, located at Vancouver General Hospital.

"We always enjoy working with the BCRPA to offer a variety of free and subsidized programs," says Recreation Coordinator – Adults & Volunteers, Shaun Ironstone. "The Community Centre has been very successful with running BCRPA programs, and we are very excited to be one of seven municipalities in the province that is offering

SIRvivorBC."

This program is delivered twice a week for 12 weeks for men with low-to-moderate risk prostate cancer starting April 7 at the Penticton Community Centre. Those interested in learning more about the program and to register, can visit www.penticton.ca/recreation.

This program is made possible through funding provided by the Government of British Columbia and support from the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA).



SIRvivor BC

Prostate Cancer
Community Exercise Program



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.

Emergency Support Services/ALERT

Alida Erickson, Emergency Support Services and Deborah McBride, ALERT, promoted emergency preparedness for residents and pets.

Removal of Property from the City of Penticton Heritage Registry

Council referred the request to remove the property at 452 Lakeshore Drive from the City of Penticton Heritage Registry to the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee.

Joint Grant with RDOS – Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training

Council supported a joint grant application with the RDOS to the UBCM Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training Program and that the RDOS apply for, receive and manage the grant funding on the City of Penticton's behalf.