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City launches Economic Recovery Task Force to support local business

The City of Penticton's Economic Development Department has engaged with key stakeholders in the local business community to create an Economic Recovery Task Force to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

The Task Force held its first virtual meeting on March 27 to investigate measures the City can take to support local residents, businesses and workers during these challenging times. The Task Force will continue to meet as often as required to develop a plan for relief and recovery.

As part of this process, local businesses were asked to complete a survey to give the Task Force a better understanding of the situation and of what support may be required.

"The health and safety of the public and staff has been our first priority as this crisis unfolds, but we also need to do everything we can to help both our businesses and residents who are financially impacted, ensuring we come out of this situation in



a strong position," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "This Task Force, made up of business leaders in the community, is a positive first step to work together on a path to recovery."

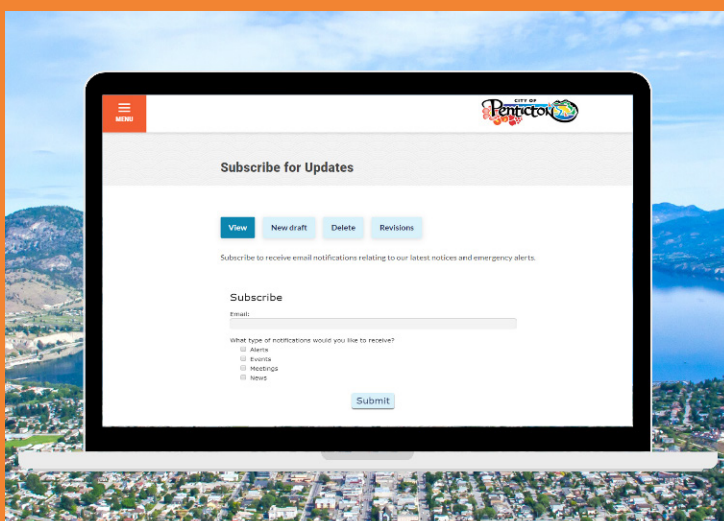
Although City Hall is closed, City staff work behind the scenes to ensure services will continue. Penticton's Economic Development team is available to answer any questions and offer support. They're also collaborating with Travel Penticton, Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce, WorkBC, Small Business BC and Community Futures Okanagan Similkameen on various initiatives, including creating webinars to help

businesses access government support and training, as well as a campaign to promote buying local.

Importantly, Penticton's Development Services team will continue to provide the development industry the support it needs to continue construction projects. This includes issuing building permits and conducting inspections.

If you're a local business that has questions or would like to be connected with resources, please contact the City of Penticton Economic Development department at 250-490-2591 or email economicdevelopment@penticton.ca.

Residents encouraged to subscribe for online updates



With its brand new website in place, the City of Penticton is encouraging residents to subscribe for online updates providing information on recently issued announcements and emergency alerts.

"If there was ever a time to subscribe for online updates issued by our City's communication team, it's now," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "Whether it's information relating to COVID-19 or general alerts on City services or decisions, to stay informed, residents can visit the city website, select 'subscribe for updates' and enter their email address."

Visit www.penticton.ca/subscribe to sign up.

COVID-19 Support Toolkit offers helpful resources for residents and businesses

The City of Penticton has created an online COVID-19 Support Toolkit to give residents and businesses a local source of information about resources now available across all levels of government.

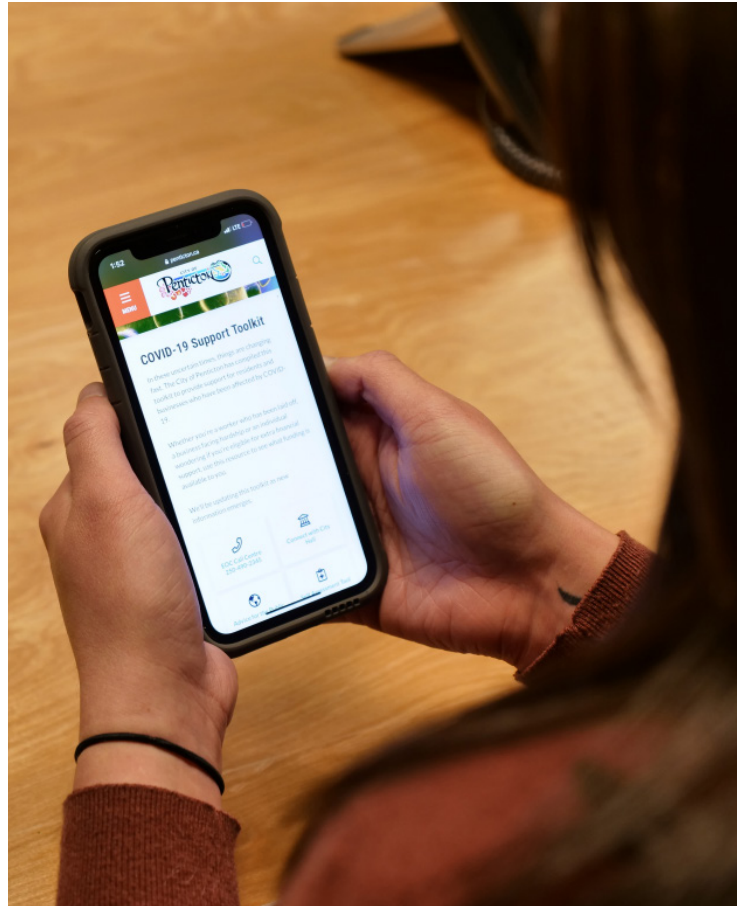
Whether you're a worker who has been laid off, a business facing hardship or an individual wondering if you're eligible for extra financial support, users will be able to see what funding is being offered.

"The daily volume of newly released COVID-19 information can be overwhelming," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "By grouping many of the most recent and significant announcements into a single location, we've created a helpful and simple to use resource that all residents can turn to when looking for information during this health crisis."

To access the toolkit, visit the city's new website at www.penticton.ca/covid19toolkit.

The City will be updating the toolkit as new information becomes available.

Want to speak to someone in person? Call the city's EOC Call Centre at 250-490-2345 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



City facilities to be closed until May 30; Public meetings cancelled

To support national, provincial and regional efforts to contain and control the spread of COVID-19, the City of Penticton has implemented several preventative measures.


Facility closures

As of Tuesday, March 17, the Penticton Community Centre, Cleland Theatre, McLaren Arena, Library and Museum, along with the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre, South Okanagan Events Centre and Memorial Arena, were closed to the public.

Effective Friday, March 20 at 4:30pm, the City of Penticton closed its City Hall and Public Works Building to the public as an additional means to support social distancing and staff safety in the fight to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

"This decision follows warnings from the Provincial Government to avoid mass gatherings of 50 people or more", said City Manager, Donny van Dyk. "We have reviewed the advice provided by senior governments concerning mass gatherings and have determined that the volume of traffic entering our facilities, combined with the difficulty of practicing the safe social distancing once inside, has created a situation whereby it's in our community's best interest to close these facilities until May 30."

Services provided at City Hall will continue to be supported throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency. Options for taking care of the most common requests can be obtained by visiting www.penticton.ca or contacting the City's call centre at 250-490-2345.



The City of Penticton Electric Utility is planning three (3) separate power outages affecting a portion of the Pickering St, Creekside, Carmi Ave, Ross Ave, Cleland Dr, Bracewell Dr. and other surrounding streets May 1-6, 2020.

Visit penticton.ca/poweroutage for dates and times.

GOOD PLANNING MAKES GOOD PROJECTS

Nobody likes surprises — especially ones like stop work orders, project delays, expensive redos, possible fines, and more. Permits are part of good planning!

When do you need a permit?

- New Homes & Demolitions
- Exterior Renovations & Additions
- Interior Renovations
- Plumbing & Mechanical
- Detached Building/Structure
- Carriage Homes & Secondary Suites
- Landscaping, Pools, Water Features
- Fire, Flood Damage Repairs

The Building Department is here to help:

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- ✉ buildinginfo@penticton.ca
- ☎ 250-490-2571



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