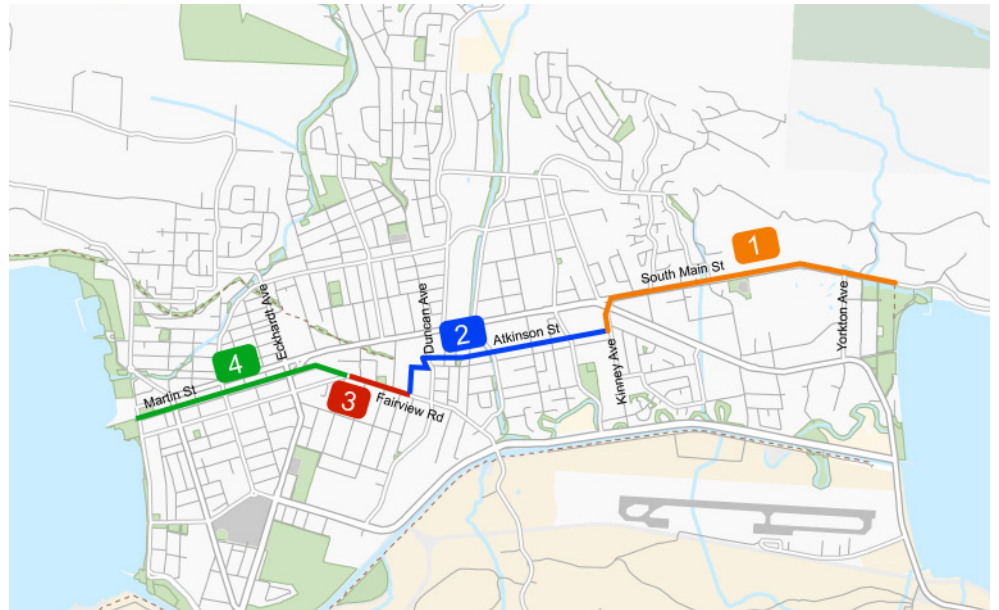


## Proposed Lake-to-Lake Cycling Route in final engagement phase

During its meeting September 15, 2020, Penticton City Council received an update on the work completed to date to determine a proposed preferred route for a bike lane running from Skaha Lake to Okanagan Lake.

Commencing in the fall of 2019, the process of choosing a proposed preferred route has now proceeded through three phases of community engagement. In phase one of the engagement process, the community confirmed their interest in a central bike lane connecting both lakes; in phase two the public was asked to comment on which neighbourhoods and streets are best suited to build bike lanes and, most recently, during phase three, the pros and cons of individual route options through the downtown were discussed.

For the fourth and final round of engagement, owners and tenants with properties neighbouring the proposed preferred route, which comprises South Main St., Atkinson St., Fairview Road and Martin St., will be encouraged to comment on how a bike lane along their section



of road may or may not impact their residence or place of business.

Information about the proposed preferred route and the impacts to intersections is available at [shapeyourcitypentiction.ca](http://shapeyourcitypentiction.ca). Despite hosting a dozen engagement opportunities over a 10-month period, combined with regular advertising and media coverage, the City anticipates some property owners and tenants along the proposed preferred route may be unfamiliar with the project.

“Past efforts to share information

and generate awareness is no guarantee everyone’s informed,” said Engagement Strategist, JoAnne Kleb. “Potentially affected individuals can quickly get up to speed by reviewing the information resources located on the City’s engagement website. If you’ve been putting off providing feedback or you’re someone who’s just learning about this project now, we encourage you to get involved in the process while the window for engagement remains open and staff are actively gathering feedback.”

## ‘Age-friendly’ equals support for all ages



Penticton residents enjoy an outing with the Cycling Without Age program that began in the city in 2018.  
Image Credit: SUBMITTED / Cycling Without Age

Penticton is taking steps to become recognized by the Province as an age-friendly community. As part of the process, the City is encouraging everyone from kids to seniors to get inspired and take part.

An age-friendly community is a place where older adults can live active, socially engaged and independent lives. The City is launching creative initiatives to engage residents, including bringing youth and seniors together to explore the community and capture pictures of what age-friendly means to them.

Also, a group of older adults will take pictures as they document their experiences throughout the city. They’ll provide feedback about ways Penticton is supportive and inclusive – and offer suggestions about what could be improved.

Watch for videos and updates over the City’s social media channels and [shapeyourcitypentiction.ca](http://shapeyourcitypentiction.ca).

# RDOS reviews feedback involving proposed composting facility

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is now reviewing feedback involving an organics composting facility adjacent to the Campbell Mountain Landfill. Comments were collected on the RDOS public engagement website at [rdosregionalconnections.ca](http://rdosregionalconnections.ca).

Feedback gathered from Penticton residents in previous years indicated strong support for establishing an in-vessel (indoor) facility of this kind. Organics composting would make it possible for residents, commercial retailers and farmers to dispose of food and agricultural waste in a sustainable way.

At the same time, Penticton's wastewater treatment compost facility located at the landfill requires urgent upgrades. By working together with the RDOS for a joint



facility, it's anticipated both parties can gain efficiencies through shared equipment and staffing resources. In addition, the RDOS is applying for a grant which would fund a large portion of the project's capital costs.

Learn more about the project at [penticton.ca/compostfacility](http://penticton.ca/compostfacility). Updates and engagement results will be posted at [rdosregionalconnections.ca](http://rdosregionalconnections.ca).

## 382 families respond to child care survey



Work is wrapping up on Penticton's Child Care Action Plan, which will establish space targets and identify actions to meet local child care needs.

A total of 382 families participated in the Parent and Caregiver Survey and 36 responded to the Child Care Provider Survey. The engagement process also involved stakeholder interviews and a virtual workshop for child care operators and providers. These findings are now being tabulated for the community assessment and strategic plan.

The City was awarded a \$25,000 grant to develop the plan, provided by the Province of BC and administered by the Union of BC Municipalities. Updates and results will be posted online at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca).

## Recreation Penticton offers men's health program



# SIRvivor BC

Prostate Cancer  
Community Exercise Program

The City of Penticton's Recreation Department is collaborating with the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) to offer a Prostate Cancer Exercise program called SIRvivor BC.

SIRvivor BC is an evidence informed group-based exercise program for prostate cancer survivors. This program is delivered twice a week for 10 weeks starting Oct 13 at the Penticton Community Centre. Those interested in learning more about the program and wishing to register, can visit [www.penticton.ca/recreation](http://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.

## 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).

### Metered Parking Expansion Public Survey Results and Options for Moving Forward

Council received the results of the 'pay parking survey' into the record and supported moving forward with detailed financial analysis based on the following:

- expansion of the metered parking program throughout the downtown, to begin in 2021; and
- a rate structure of \$2 per hour and a \$10 daily rate (not including downtown on-street parking).

Council also deferred a decision on metered parking at the South Okanagan Event Centre Complex to a later date when more certainty around the facility is known. Staff are to present the financial analysis in time for inclusion into the 2021 budget.

### Safety Village – 40 Years of Service and Planning for 40 More

Tina Lee, Safety Village Manager, and Daryl Clarke, Safety Village Society Board President, provided Council with an update on the Penticton Safety Village and requested Council to direct staff to work with Safety Village for a renewal of a five-year lease.

### Christmas Closure 2020 to 2023

Council approved a Christmas Closure Policy that closes the City of Penticton offices December 24 to the first business day following New Year's Day in years 2020 to 2023.