

## City seeks to update Penticton Airport's website

The City of Penticton is refreshing Penticton Airport's website to better meet the needs of users with up-to-date travel information delivered through a smarter and more dynamic design. As part of this process, the City called on residents, travellers, pilots and other members of the public to provide feedback on how the current website can be improved.

Anyone who has an interest in the airport and its website was invited to fill out a short feedback form at [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca) in early November. This process followed up on last year's Penticton Airport Flight Services Survey, in which residents were asked about specific travel habits and preferences.

"The goal of this revised website is not only to ensure travellers have access to up-to-date information, but to help place Penticton Airport on the radar for anyone seeking to fly in or out of the Okanagan," said Penticton's Director of



Development Services, Blake Laven. "YYF has undergone a substantial transformation with upgrades to the terminal and customer experience areas. This is an opportunity for the City to further raise the profile of this important asset and highlight all the recent improvements."

Penticton Airport is owned and operated by Transport Canada, which is currently wrapping up an extensive renovation to the Airport Terminal Building. In recent years,

the airport saw annual passenger traffic increases of 4-5 percent, attracting more than 160,000 travellers last year. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, Air Canada and WestJet flights have resumed their direct flights to Vancouver and Calgary.

Those interested in this work and would like to learn more are encouraged to visit [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca)

## Winter Rec Guide ready to safely return to recreation



The new Winter 2021 Recreation Guide will be available online December 7 on [www.penticton.ca/recguide!](http://www.penticton.ca/recguide!)

For 2021, visitors will continue to be required to pre-register for all programming as well as for use of the pool and fitness room.

Residents will see familiar favourites such as Zumba, Tai Chi and Bugaboo University, along with new programs focused on utilizing the fitness room, including Weight Room Circuit Fitness for Older Adults and After School Youth Sport Strength & Conditioning.

Look for new and returning programs and keep up to date on everything recreation by visiting the Return to Recreation webpage on [www.penticton.ca/restartrec](http://www.penticton.ca/restartrec) and by following the Recreation Penticton Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Registration for Winter 2021 programs begins December 9 for residents and December 10 for non-residents. Residents can register by calling 250-490-2426 or through the online registration system on the City website.



# KVR Middle School classes connect with City for 'age-friendly' pilot project

About 50 students from KVR Middle School will connect with a group of older adults at Cherry Park Retirement Residence thanks to a spinoff pilot project created as a result of the City of Penticton's age-friendly initiative.

"We've been hearing feedback that older adults are worried about the coming winter and feelings of isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic," said the City of Penticton's Social Development Specialist, Adam Goodwin. "We're thrilled these classes are taking initiative to provide social interaction and taking the time to learn about the older adult community in Penticton."

The City launched its age-friendly campaign on Oct. 13, encouraging residents – young and old – to share their ideas and photographs about how Penticton can become even more welcoming and inclusive for older adults. As part of this initiative, the City reached out to School District 67 with a teacher's guide informing educators about the online photo project.



"We welcome this opportunity for our students to connect with our larger community. We have seen a huge increase in student social conscience recently and many are just looking for an opportunity to exercise this. I can't think of a better way than for our youth to dialogue with seniors and hear their thoughts on the strengths and stretches of what our community offers. It's an opportunity for them to build relationships, gain perspective and have a voice," said Steve DeVito, Principal of KVR Middle School.

If your residence is interested in taking part, please email [socialdevelopment@penticton.ca](mailto:socialdevelopment@penticton.ca). This project was also inspired by Penticton Library's latest pen pal initiative, which has connected citizens with residents at Haven Hill Retirement Centre.

Data collected will help the City prepare its Age-Friendly Action Plan as it moves forward with plans to become recognized by the Province of B.C. as an age-friendly community. To find out more, visit [shapeyourcitypenticton.ca](http://shapeyourcitypenticton.ca)

*City of Penticton offices will be closed from December 24 to the first business day following New Year's Day in 2021.*

*Happy Holidays!*



## 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).

### FireSmart Community Funding & Supports Grant

Council supported the application for grant funding up to \$150,000.00 from the UBCM under the Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program which provides 100% funding for the City of Penticton FireSmart program.

### Budget Primer Overview

Jim Bauer, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager, Finance and Administration, provided Council with the highlights of the 2021 budget and public engagement opportunities. Free Transit on Saturdays in December.

### Free Transit on Saturdays in December

Council approved providing free transit service for four Saturdays in December, including December 5, 12, 19 and the 26, 2020.



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