

Agreement in place for PTCC Hotel

A \$1.5 million city land sale and building agreement between the City of Penticton and Ron Mundi of Mundi Hotel Enterprises Inc. will pave the way towards a long awaited hotel adjacent to the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre (PTCC).

Located at 903 Vernon Avenue, the planned hotel will feature approximately 100 to 110 rooms, stand six stories tall and include a direct pedestrian connection to the PTCC via a \$600K allocation in the City's 2021-2025 Financial Plan. Once opened, the City expects the hotel will capture new market segments as well as convention, meeting and special events, all of which will positively impact the City's local tourism and business community.

"The era of operating top-notch trade and convention centre experiences in the absence of adjoining hotel facilities ended years ago," said Penticton Mayor, John



Vassilaki. "Today's announcement significantly improves the ability of this important City asset to attract additional conferences, conventions and events that were previously unavailable to us on account of the winning formula of a facility, plus hotel, being incomplete. This is great news for the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre, the South Okanagan Events Centre, local businesses and our community as a whole."

"The addition of an attached hotel, with a pedestrian walkway to the

PTCC, is an innovative and long-term investment by the City of Penticton," said Spectra Venue Management General Manager and Regional Vice President, Dean Clarke. "We will now be able to solicit and bid on new convention, meeting and special event business, which we have previously not met hosting requirements. Like the SOEC, the City's forward-thinking vision will grow our convention business bringing more delegates and event attendees to Penticton."

Responsible consumption initiative to resume for summer 2021



The City of Penticton's responsible consumption initiative, a pilot program introduced during the summer of 2020 allowing the drinking of alcoholic beverages at specific city park locations along Okanagan Lake and Skaha Lake, has been given the green light by

Council to resume in the summer of 2021.

A report presented to Council during late 2020, showed Penticton residents and visitors, for the most part, acted responsibly over the course of the pilot, which began in June and ran through to October.

However, feedback collected by City staff over the length of the pilot showed some issues with garbage and recycling collection.

"Council gave direction to initiate another pilot for 2021 in the same locations as the 2020 initiative, with the understanding that further investment in garbage and recycling collection would be made," said the City's Director of Development Services, Blake Laven.

Next steps will see staff prepare bylaws for Council's consideration early next year, along with the installation of additional garbage and recycling bins.

The 2021 initiative does not take effect until the new bylaws are passed.

Wildfire prevention 'fuel management' underway around Penticton

Efforts to reduce the risk of wildfire activity kicked-off in December with work taking place to assess and reduce the presence of fuel sources that can easily ignite during the summer leading to dangerous wildfire conditions.

Contract forestry workers will be targeting the areas of Three Blind Mice, the Banks of Dartmouth, the Esplanade and Penticton Creek.

"While this work takes place, we ask residents and visitors in the affected areas to be aware of their surroundings and look for signage or locations closed temporarily for public safety," said Penticton Fire Chief, Larry Watkinson.

Work is expected to run from early December through to March, 2021. At times, smoke may be visible while controlled burns are carried out.



COVID-19 Resources for Seniors

Safe Seniors, Strong Communities matches seniors who need support with non-medical essentials, to local volunteers willing to help.

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www.agingwellpenticton.ca

FREE resources to help seniors during the pandemic.

Grocery Delivery

Pick Up & Delivery:
250-490-7692

Safe Seniors, Strong Communities



Phone Support

Friendly Check-Ins:
250-487-7455

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Mental Wellness

Grief & Loss Support:
250-488-1320

South Okanagan Loss Society

Counselling Support:
250-487-3359

OneSky Community Resources

Caregivers Support:
1-877-520-3267

Family Caregivers of BC

BC Mental Health:
310-6789

(no area code • 24 hr)
CMHA BC



Health Questions

Healthlink BC:
8-1-1

Or contact your physician's office



Abuse & Fraud

Seniors Abuse Line:
1-866-437-1940

Seniors First BC

Elder Abuse Line:
1-844-870-4754

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Council adopts revised 2021-2025 Financial Plan with emphasis on relief

For 2021, Council has approved an overall tax increase of 1.75 per cent, an amount that is 0.50 per cent less from the originally recommended amount of 2.25 per cent. In addition, Council approved an electrical rate reduction of three per cent for all rate payers. Homeowners will now see an average annual increase in municipal taxes and utility fees totaling \$111 (down \$53) for a typical residential property valued at \$463,797 and an average annual increase in municipal taxes and utility fees totaling \$1,183 (down \$280) for a typical business property valued at \$1,162,286.

Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2020-48

Re: Proposed Location for the Lake-to-Lake All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Route

Council gave second and third reading and adopted "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2020-48", a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2019-08 by replacing Map 2:

Transportation Network with an updated version that includes the location of the Lake-to-Lake AAA Bicycle Route including Section 1 – South Main Street, Section 2 – Atkinson Street, Section 3 – Fairview Road and Section 4 – Martin Street.

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