

Council receives update on Lake to Lake Cycle route

Recent consultation with affected landowners, residents and businesses along the proposed Lake-to-Lake Cycle Route was the focus of an update to Penticton City Council during their February 2 regular meeting.

Starting in early December, City staff began engaging with stakeholders and representatives from individual street blocks along the route, specifically sections three (Fairview Road) and four (Martin Street). Feedback was consistent with concerns expressed during the 2019-2020 community engagement process with the timing of construction and loss of parking being notable challenges for businesses near the route and impacts to vehicle access, garbage collection and loss of street parking being challenges for nearby residents.

While further design considerations



are still needed and additional discussions with stakeholders will continue and updated design concepts for Fairview Road and Martin Street that reflect the feedback supplied to date are starting to take shape.

"Council was pleased to hear that the stakeholder discussions are ongoing

and that a number of solutions to the concerns that were previously raised are now coming forward as options for consideration," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki.

At the time of publishing, Council was expecting confirmation of a grant to assist in the construction of the route.

Councillor and long-serving former Mayor, Jake Kimberley, to step down

Penticton City Councillor and former three-term Mayor, Mr. Jake Kimberley, has announced his intention to permanently withdraw his involvement from the remaining



2018-2022 Council term to focus on his health and recovery.

"I wish to announce my resignation from Penticton City Council, effective February 1, 2021," said Mr. Jake Kimberley. "A stroke on July 1, 2020 left me hospitalized and in rehabilitation until October 9. Though both my physical and speech recovery has progressed steadily over the last seven months and we had been working toward a graduated return to Council duties, I am not yet at a level which will enable me to fully perform duties as a Councillor for the City of Penticton. There is a long list of people to thank for their support and mentorship through my 35-year career in municipal politics. Most importantly though, I would like to

thank the residents of Penticton."

Councillor Kimberley first became involved in Penticton city politics in 1986 at the encouragement of business owners and was successful in a by-election serving a one-year term as Councillor. He was elected again as a Councillor in 1987 and in 1990 and 1993, won two consecutive terms as mayor and a third term in 2005. Following the outcome of the fall 2018 municipal election, he resumed the role of Councillor.

In light of Councillor Kimberley's decision, Council will appoint a Chief Election Officer in March and, in accordance with the Local Government Act as well as any Provincial Health Orders, will aim to hold a by-election in June.

Committee seeks grant funding to raise awareness of city's rich heritage

Take a walk through Penticton and you'll stumble upon examples of charming architecture taking you back in time. Some of these buildings date back more than a century, harking back to when Penticton was the new headquarters for the new Kettle Valley Railway and the S.S. Sicamous steamship cruised Okanagan Lake.

Following the end of the Second World War, a flood of returning veterans led to a post-war population boom, and in 1948, Penticton was incorporated as a city. The 1950s and 1960s were busy decades of construction and infrastructure projects.

Now, City Council has agreed to seek a grant from Heritage BC on behalf of the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee to fund a public education campaign aimed to raise awareness of the city's heritage.

"This is an intent to enhance the opportunity for

Penticton to recognize and keep its heritage before it's all gone," said Coun. Judy Sentes, who is also the council liaison for the Heritage & Museum Advisory Committee. Visit the City's Heritage Registry webpage to learn more.



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FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund Grant Application

Council supported the application for grant funding up to \$150,000 from the UBCM under the new 2021 FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund - Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program which provides 100% funding for the City of Penticton FireSmart program.

Heritage Conservation Covenant for 689 Winnipeg Street (Riordan House)

Council authorized the registration of a heritage conservation covenant on the title of 689 Winnipeg Street, recognizing the significant heritage value of the

property and building (Riordan House) and establishing protections from future redevelopment. Council directed staff to update the City of Penticton Heritage Registry with a revised statement of significance for Riordan House, reflecting the further research done on the history of the property.

Arts, Creative, and Cultural Innovations Advisory Committee Recommendation from January 15, 2021

Council supported the recommendation that the Arts, Creative and Cultural Innovations Advisory Committee and the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee pursue options for the light scrolls as a public art project.