

CITY NEWS

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Want to run for office? One Councillor position is available. Nomination Period is May 4 -14, 2021. Details can be found on our website at www.penticton.ca/elections.

 Advance Voting Days June 9, 12, 16 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

 General Voting Day June 19, 2021 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Watch for announcements in newspaper and on our website for locations to be confirmed.



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Council supports design of Sections 3 and 4 of Bike route

Key details influencing the lane placement of two sections of a Lake to Lake Bike Route stretching from Skaha Lake to Okanagan Lake have received approval from Penticton City Council.

Section three, located along Fairview Road, and section four, located along Martin Street, will now proceed to final detailed design, following which the City will tender the construction and schedule work to begin, this spring.

When the Lake-to-Lake bike route was endorsed by Council in November, 2020, the preliminary cost estimate for sections three and four totalled \$2.26 million. The current cost projected for these two sections remains consistent with this amount. Funding for both sections will be drawn from \$600,000 in 2021 general capital funding, \$1 million from a Provincial Community Economic Resilience



Stream grant and \$600,000 from Gas Tax funds.

“This marks another step forward in fulfilling the vision of a Lake-to-Lake bike route and moving our City towards viable transportation alternatives, while supporting further opportunities to pursue active lifestyles”, said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. “With many

of the finer details of the route requiring further study, City staff came together with residents and businesses along section three and four to discuss options. That work was no easy task, and while there’s no perfect solution to all challenges faced, today we find ourselves with a better design outcome compared to what was first presented to Council in November 2020.”

Children’s SUMMER CAMPS!

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2021
DAY CAMPS BEGINS

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| Residents Registration: | Non-residents Registration: |
| MAY 19 | MAY 20 |
| AT 8:00AM | AT 8:00AM |

Book your child’s spot on www.penticton.ca/register.



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Collaborating with partners to celebrate and improve child care

Working with community partners like the Child Care Resource and Referral centre, the City of Penticton is helping celebrate Child Care Month in May. The month long recognition is intended to highlight the important role that child care plays to the economic and social well-being of Penticton, and the many leaders who work in the field.

A series of activities are scheduled to take place in support of child care. This includes the following:

- a Council resolution proclaiming May as Child Care Month in Penticton,
- final adoption of the plans and schedule for the Edmonton Avenue child care project,
- a group of community partners visiting centres to personally thank child care providers, and
- an art installation by children at local centres in the lobbies of the library and Community Centre.

Have you read the Penticton Child Care Action Plan? It



identified 1,064 child care spaces in the community and outlines four priorities for the community to help build over 700 net new spaces the community needs. Learn more by visiting www.penticton.ca/childcare.

Council seeks mandate on Skaha Marina long-term agreement

During a Special Meeting held March 31, 2021, Penticton City Council supported the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendation to seek a community mandate on whether or not to establish a long-term agreement with a private operator of the Skaha Marina as a means to fund much needed capital improvements. The community's opinion will be sought through the following question appearing on the ballot during the upcoming June 2021 by-election.



Do you support the City selecting a private operator and entering into a long-term agreement of up to 25 years in order to fund the marina improvements and provide marina services at Skaha Lake Park?

In addition to supporting the question, Council also committed to abide by the results of the question and, if the community endorses the establishment of a long-term operating agreement, that a proposal will be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for review and recommendation before being presented to Council for a final decision.

- To learn more go to shapeyourcitypenticton.ca. Residents can review fact sheets, copies of reports and the Skaha Lake Park East Plan, plus access a forum to ask question and discuss the topic.
- On Voting day staff and display materials will be present at the polling stations to provide information and answer questions.

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.

Official Community Plan Amendment Application for 435 Green Avenue West

Council endorsed the public engagement plan for the OCP amendment application for 435 Green Avenue, an application that proposes the change in OCP future land use designation from "detached residential" to "urban residential" in support of a purpose built rental apartment development featuring 158 units.

UBCM Grant Opportunity: Strengthening Communities' Services

Council directed staff to apply for the Strengthening Communities' Services grant from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for \$450,000 in funding for education, peer-based programs, public engagement, training, and wages for temporary staff. Staff will work with the Safety and Security Advisory Committee to finalize the application document.

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