

City further enhances Emergency Support Services

During their recent June 1 Regular Meeting, Penticton City Council approved the Emergency Support Services (ESS) Facility and Spaces Plan. The plan identifies the primary facilities that the ESS team will try to utilize when supporting residents that have been evacuated from their homes during an emergency.

These facilities include a combination of City-owned and community partner-owned spaces like the Community Centre and the Penticton Seniors Drop-In Centre. Having a variety of spaces planned ahead of time enhances the ESS team's preparedness.

ESS provides emergency support services during a disaster. This could include finding accommodations after a house fire for those without insurance or supporting thousands of evacuees impacted by a significant wildfire. The team plans for emergencies of various sizes and complexities, and must be ready to respond at a moment's notice.



"The ESS team is comprised of nearly 40 volunteers who help our community during various disasters, including house fires, flooding, and wildfires," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "The team forms an integral part of ensuring we have a safe community to live, work, and age. I would encourage anyone with an interest in helping our community to consider volunteering for the ESS."

As Penticton moves into the summer season, the City is encouraging residents to be prepared for any emergency. This includes having a 72-hour emergency kit, reviewing their insurance to make sure it will provide appropriate coverage during an emergency and making a plan should they have to evacuate.

Anyone looking to volunteer can contact the ESS team at ESS@penticton.ca or 250-490-2512.

PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax notices are issued in mid-June, with a due date of the last business day in July. If you did not receive your property tax notice, please be aware taxes are still due by the due date.



Citywide fire ban in place



The Fire Department has issued a citywide fire ban, effective until further notice. This order is in alignment with the unusually dry spring and expected rapid wildfire development. It does not include Underwriters Laboratories of Canada rated gas appliances.

This means backyard fire pits are not allowed at this time, nor are open fires of any kind, fireworks, the use of sky lanterns, burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description. However, propane burning units are acceptable.

For more information, please visit penticton.ca/fire.

Order takeout and celebrate Picnic-ton at a local park

Here in Penticton, there's never been a better time for a picnic. Why not order takeout from a local business and head to a park or beach to celebrate Picnic-ton?

There are prizes, free giveaways, additional picnic tables set up at parks, and more fun promotions coming up throughout summer. Pick the perfect picnic spot by using the new interactive map, at pentiction.ca/picnic, which highlights parks and participating businesses. It also plots out the designated public areas where you can drink responsibly as part of the City's responsible outdoor consumption program.

Best of all, by ordering takeout food or drinks, you're helping to support local business. This Love Local campaign was created by the City of Penticton's Economic Development department and supported by Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Penticton Association and Visit Penticton. This initiative follows recommendations from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Task Force.



Registration is free and open to all Penticton businesses that offer walk-up takeout food or drinks, including wineries and breweries. Find out more and check out the map at pentiction.ca/picnic.

Lake-to-Lake Bike Route Construction

Construction is underway on sections 3 and 4 of the Lake-to-Lake Bike Route. This includes the portion starting from Lakeshore Drive along Martin Street and Fairview Road to Duncan Avenue.

As of June 3, 2021, construction is ahead of schedule. Attention has shifted towards the 400-600 blocks earlier than planned. With the majority of work being undertaken at the intersections, crews will continue to ensure disruptions are minimized over the coming weeks.

Lake-to-Lake Route: What to Expect

New features are being added along the route to ensure the safety of cyclists, pedestrians and motorists. In addition, upgrades to intersections, line painting, lighting enhancements, flashing beacons, wayfinding signage and additional concrete curbs are being added.

Learn more about new features, construction schedules and background on the Lake-to-Lake Bike Route by visiting www.pentiction.ca.



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 pentiction.ca/council.

BC Transit City of Penticton Annual Operating Agreement 2021-2022

Council authorized the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the 2021 – 2022 Annual Operating Agreement Conventional and Custom Transit.

Shelter and Supportive Housing Location Selection Guidelines

Council adopted the Shelter and Supportive Housing Location Selection Guidelines developed by the Safety and Security Advisory Committee.

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