

25 Years and Beyond



2019 marked the 25th anniversary of the Penticton Seniors' Drop-In Centre Society. On Saturday, June 1st, we celebrated! The excitement and festivities lasted all day. The day began with a delicious pancake breakfast for 300 people which the Rotary Club of Penticton generously provided. Lunch and beverages were available inside, while a tasty BBQ lunch was available outdoors.

Activities currently held at the Centre were showcased. Activity leaders conducted classes for all to observe and/or try. Live entertainment could be heard throughout the day. Information booths provided visitors with opportunities to learn about community organizations. Official ceremonies, including a cake cutting ceremony, took place after everyone moved inside. The whole community was welcomed and encouraged to attend all the events. The turnout was large and, with so much to do and see, people had a wonderful day celebrating our anniversary.

In the fall of 2018, the City of Penticton began a process to engage the community in helping shape the future of Robinson Park where the PSDIC is located. After initial consultation, the City presented three proposals for its re-development. This was met with great enthusiasm. As a result of the engagement process and feedback from the community, the City recognized the need to improve the park's outdoor activity facilities. The needs most recognized by the City for such were better street access and signage to the Centre, more parking, more pickleball courts, a sound barrier near the courts, shaded areas, more circular bench seating under the shade trees, better lighting, a contemplative space and community garden, and the potential for a much-needed expansion of the Centre.

This was all very well received.



Excitement for the future of the Centre and for the terrific plans for its re-development created an energy not seen since the original founding members of the PSDIC began their quest to create a Seniors' Centre. City officials attended the 25th anniversary to outline their tentative proposal for the re-development of the park, given the feedback they had received and consultations they had had with user groups. Visitors were encouraged to stop by to see what the plans were, offer final suggestions, and to talk to those representatives from the City.

The land for the park, formerly an orchard, was generously donated to the City by the Robinson family many years ago. It was soon thereafter that a group of concerned citizens assembled, organized and approached the City with plans for the development therein of a seniors' centre. Once approval was granted, funds were raised and the Centre was built. It was only through a significant amount of hard work, planning, and fundraising that the Centre was built. The Centre will forever be grateful to all those who worked so hard to make their dream come true for their benefit and that of present and future generations. It is their enthusiasm and commitment that will serve as our inspiration as we move forward with our plans for the future of the Penticton Seniors' Drop-In Centre.

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