

SCHOOL GYMNASIUM USAGE

- The School District and the City co-ordinate the rental of school gymnasiums. As part of the review of evening and weekend availability of school gyms in Penticton during the fall and winter months we have found:

Mon to Thurs: Middle & Secondary = in use most times
Fri to Sun: Middle & Secondary = available most times
Every day: Elementary Schools = available most times

Shatford Plan

- The School District and City have committed to saving the Shatford building for future use
- The building will be renovated and is expected to be available for community arts purposes and other use
- The planning for Shatford renovations has yet to be finalized. Currently the building contains seven classrooms plus a large room and stage capable of seating 255 people



When completed Penticton Secondary School will be a modern facility that incorporates heritage features dating back to the 1913 opening of the Ellis building. The school will contain a number of spaces not previously available including a large multi purpose room and dance studio plus up-graded computer labs and increased gym space.

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Rebuilding Penticton Secondary School Planning & Construction Summary



View from Eckhardt Avenue

PROJECT START

- Construction funding commitment from Ministry of Education on May 23, 2003
- SD67 and community committee established for PSS planning – Sept. 2003 to Dec. 2005
- Four options for the reconstruction of Penticton Secondary were prepared for review

CONSULTATION DESIGN

- On April 19, 2004 the Board of Education announces 4 options for rebuilding Penticton Secondary School
- The 4 design options reviewed at an open house and public meeting at Princess Margaret Secondary on April 28, 2004
- Consultation meetings with students, parents and staff during April 2004
- Significant media coverage of the 4 options during April to June 2004
- At a June 25, 2004 meeting at the library auditorium City and Board agreed to support retention of Ellis and Shatford—this commitment reduced 4 options to 3
- Following further consultation meetings in October 2004 and through the work of planning committee the 3 options reduced to 1
- Public meeting at KVR Middle School—November 1, 2004 reviewed recommended option
- December 2004 Board of Education meeting approved the recommended option—Ellis building to be joined to new construction, Shatford to remain on site and option for auditorium to remain
- Option to retain auditorium was provided based on no SD67 financial support and a requirement of funding in place for a long term capital and operating plan

SCHOOL SITE PLANNING

- Following the June 2004 commitment to save the Ellis and Shatford buildings, planning for the new construction was based on:
 - Eckhardt Avenue being the front entrance
 - New school to be attached to the Ellis building and located very close to Jermyn Avenue
 - Property to the north of the new school would be available for parking, bus loading, green space, tennis courts, and possible retention of the auditorium
 - The PSS site to date has contained 138 parking spaces and the new site is being planned for 212 spaces
 - The Board of Education advised that the PSS north gym would not be available for retention on the redeveloped site
- Additional goals for the site development included:
 - Safe site access/exiting for vehicles and students
 - Clear identification of the school front entrance
 - Safe bus loading zones and student supervision
 - Green space at front of site plus preserve most of the rock wall/trees and grass area on Main Street
 - Replace tennis courts

VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

- All school sites in the community at morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times are heavily congested. Penticton Secondary is the school district's busiest site based on the need to accommodate:
 - 1,350 students, 340 of whom travel by bus
 - Up to 70 students per day use PSS to transfer to another bus
 - Parent, staff and student vehicles
 - Student and other pedestrians
 - In addition to school district buses, there are Okanagan Hockey Academy, Penticton Indian Band, School District 93, Penticton handyDART and school team buses that also use the PSS site
 - Jermyn Avenue access will be used for approximately 18 parking spaces and may assist with site congestion by boarding of a limited number of students in small buses. Parent drop off can also be expected at this location
- Based on the design and location of the new school, Eckhardt Avenue will be the entrance for loading and unloading of school buses

FINAL DESIGN

- Working drawings to prepare for tender completed in June 2006
 - Board of Education awarded building contract in August 2006
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COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- The current construction started September 2006, is planned for completion June 30, 2008 to be followed by the move into the school over the summer. Next phases will be:
 - Start the renovation of the Ellis Building—August 2008
 - Site development—February to June 2009
 - Start the renovation of the Shatford Building—August 2009

DEMOLITION SCHEDULE

- The old school buildings contain some hazardous materials that are currently encapsulated in the structure. When the deconstruction starts, these materials (mostly asbestos) need to be removed in accordance with WorkSafe BC requirements. The buildings will be sectioned off to allow sequential progress through the site. As individual buildings are cleaned, the deconstruction will follow. The deconstruction phase is being planned to allow for the recycling of building materials. The schedule:
 - Removal of equipment and materials—July and August 2008
 - Hazardous material removal—tender June 2008
 - Deconstruction—tender August 2008

PSS AUDITORIUM RETENTION

- Offered for possible retention in November 2004
- As of November 2006, no proposals or contacts received to discuss a plan to retain auditorium
- School District decision in December 2006 to communicate expiry of the option to retain auditorium would be provided until March 31, 2007
- Approved City of Penticton request to extend auditorium demolition decision to June 2007
- In June 2007, City advised they would not finance the auditorium facility

AUDITORIUM USAGE 2001 to 2005

- Until June 2006, the auditorium was available for regular community rentals. Actual paid rentals for the five-year period 2001 to 2005 were:

2001 – 21 occasions for \$17,813
2002 – 21 occasions for \$14,131
2003 – 22 occasions for \$15,289
2004 – 25 occasions for \$28,301
2005 – 20 occasions for \$16,961

- For reasons not related to the rebuilding of PSS, the Okanagan Symphony and two church groups, which together comprised \$45,680 of these five-year rentals, no longer use the auditorium.
 - The remaining total revenue of \$46,815 for the five-year period includes some charges for set up labour, technician labour, and equipment rentals
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