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Pentiction & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER'S STATE OF THE CITY SERIES – BREAKFAST WITH THE MAYOR on MARCH 8TH

With Mayor and Council getting set to deliberate on the City's 2023 budget, the Pentiction & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Breakfast with the Mayor on March 8th at Okanagan College's Community Hall from 7:30am to 9:00am.

"We're very appreciative that Mayor Julius Bloomfield is taking the time to join and share with us the progress that's been made so far since the election back in October," comments Chamber President Jonathan McGraw, "And perhaps, more importantly, is hearing about what we might expect to see in 2023 and beyond, especially with regards to housing, community safety, and any other initiatives the City is working on."

City staff just presented their 2023 budget proposal, which would see taxes increase to a maximum of 9.7% and leave the business tax multiplier unchanged. In addition to the budget, Council also adopted their four guiding principles to focus on the City's priorities, which include safe and resilient, livable and accessible, vibrant and connected, and organizational excellence.

"The 'State of the City' series is one of the Pentiction Chamber's new signature events, designed to continue the discussions that were had at the all-candidates forums during the municipal election," explains Michael Magnusson, Executive Director of the Chamber. "The series will give Pentiction businesses and residents the opportunity to ask and hear about strategic priorities, long-term goals, and things we might expect to hear about in budget deliberations."

"Okanagan College is pleased to host this event and to welcome the mayor and local citizens onto campus," says Dr. Neil Fassina, president of Okanagan College. "Every day, hundreds of Pentiction students are pursuing education and skills training that will allow them to advance in their careers locally and across the region, in sectors that include construction and trades, childcare, health services, technology, viticulture and tourism. Hearing from the mayor during his first year in office is timely and relevant for all of us."

Tickets are on sale at \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for future- and non-members, and can be purchased online until 12pm on March 7th, by visiting www.pentiction.org/event/2023mayorsbreakfast

Doors open at 7:15am on March 8th (doors open at 7:15am), with breakfast served at 8am followed by the Mayor's presentation at 8:15. The Marmalade Cat Café is providing a delicious buffet breakfast including everything you'd expect to see like bacon and pancakes, but also refried beans as well as homemade tortilla chips and salsas for Mexican chilaquiles.

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The Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic, trusted and respected business authority representing approximately 500 local business and non-profit members that drive economic and social growth and improvement on behalf of, and in support of our members and the community.