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Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce

Federal All Candidates Forum hosted by the Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce

The Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that it will be hosting an **All-Candidates Forum** in advance of the upcoming federal election. The event will take place on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at the Cleland Theatre**. Doors will open at **5:30 PM**, with the forum beginning at **6:00 PM**.

This forum will provide an opportunity for voters to hear directly from local candidates, learn about their platforms, and engage in meaningful discussion on key issues impacting our community. So far, the Chamber has received confirmation from candidates representing three political parties (in alphabetical order):

Barry Dewar – People’s Party of Canada (PPC)

Helena Konanz – Conservative Party of Canada

Linda Sankey – New Democratic Party (NDP)

The forum is **free to attend**, but attendees are encouraged to **register online** by visiting https://www.chamberorganizer.com/members/evr/reg_event.php?evid=91732775&orgcode=PENT. During the registration process, participants will also have the opportunity to submit a question for consideration. Questions must be applicable to all candidates to ensure a fair and balanced discussion.

“The Chamber is committed to providing opportunities to hear directly from the candidates who seek to represent us on issues that are important to Penticton and the South Okanagan,” said Jordan Knox, President of the Chamber. “We encourage all residents and business leaders in Penticton to attend as we prepare to select our representative in Ottawa.”

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Note to Media from Executive Director Michael Magnusson:

With a very short window to organize and host the forum before the Leaders debate and advanced voting takes place, the Chamber is waiting for a reply from the Green Party of Canada’s candidate Carol Dyck, and if the Liberal Party of Canada will name a candidate, who would also be invited to participate. We are also looking at recording the forum but cannot confirm that yet.

We will therefore send out a follow-up press release by April 7th at the latest (cutoff for parties to name candidates in each riding) with updates on participation and if the forum will be recorded.

Thank you,

Michael.

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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.