

NEWS RELEASE

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Budget focused "eTown Hall" meeting scheduled for September 29th

Members of the community encouraged to take part

Summary

Nanaimo residents wishing to learn more about the City's budget process can now do so by participating in an upcoming eTown Hall meeting scheduled for September 29th. The upcoming event follows the tradition of tabling a topic for discussion between Council members and the public but, unlike conventional town hall meetings, Nanaimo's eTown Hall format enables wider involvement by allowing participants to submit questions via social media, webform, phone call, as well as in person.

The September 29th eTown Hall meeting will commence at the beginning of the regular 7 p.m. Council meeting and will run for one hour. If demand is high, an additional 30 minutes will be allocated to extend the meeting.

Strategic Link: Taking Responsibility to be an excellent municipal government - exploring opportunities for Town Hall Meetings.

Key Points

- Nanaimo's next eTown Hall meeting is scheduled for September 29th starting at 7 p.m. Residents can participate via social media, webform, phone call or attend in person at the VICC Shaw auditorium.
- The topic of the September 29th eTown Hall meeting will focus on the City's annual budget. Residents are encouraged to review available budget information prior to the meeting beginning.
- The City's annual budget process is completed over a period of several months. The September 29th eTown Hall meeting is being held near the start of the process to ensure comments and questions from residents are identified early.

Quotes

"I encourage residents to participate in the budget process by taking part in this fall's eTown Hall meeting. Come prepared - don't forget to review the budget information on our website in advance."

John Ruttan
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The City of Nanaimo's eTown Hall meeting format provides greater community involvement by diversifying the methods by which the public can participate... and where they participate.
- To date, the City of Nanaimo has held three eTown Hall meetings. The first meeting, held in March of 2013, was awarded Bronze for Innovation Management by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC).

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