

NEWS RELEASE

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Review process for City's budget begins next week

eTown Hall and other opportunities for public review, input available

Summary

Preparations are underway for the City of Nanaimo's 2019-2023 Draft Financial Plan. Residents will have a number of opportunities to review, ask questions and provide input leading up to an eTown Hall on Monday, December 10.

Council will begin reviewing draft budgets and project plans over the course of three Special Finance and Audit Committee meetings on November 26 and 27 and Tuesday, December 4 and 5. All meetings are open to the public and will be held in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre's Shaw Auditorium.

The eTown Hall will start at 7 p.m. during the Special Council Meeting and will run for one hour. If demand is high, an additional 30 minutes will be allocated. Residents are encouraged to review available information prior to the start of the meeting.

The draft plan and other related documents will be available to review on Wednesday, November 28 at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/budgetinfo.

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Key Points

- The public will have opportunities to ask questions and provide input on the 2019-2023 Draft Financial Plan at three Special Finance and Audit Committee meetings on November 26, 27 and December 4 and 5 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre's Shaw Auditorium.
- An eTown Hall on this subject will be held on December 10 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre's Shaw Auditorium.
- As this is only a draft version, budgets and plans may change as work progresses in review process.

Quotes

"2018 marks the sixth year in a row the City has held a budget-focused eTown Hall meeting. It's a great opportunity for citizens to take part in the City's annual budget planning process either in person at the meeting or wherever they may be on their phone, tablet or laptop."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

"Annual budget planning is an involved process which City staff began months ago. The next step is for Council and the public to review and provide input. Then, the draft 2019-2023 Financial Plan Bylaw will be presented for Council's consideration."

Laura Mercer
Acting Director, Financial Services
City of Nanaimo

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Quick Facts

- To date, the City of Nanaimo has held eight eTown Hall meetings. The first eTown Hall meeting, held in March of 2013, was awarded Bronze for Innovation Management by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC).
- In accordance with the Community Charter, municipalities must prepare a five-year financial plan each year. Municipal Councils must adopt each annual five-year financial plan before adopting of a property tax bylaw by May 15.

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