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Let's Talk Budget 2022 - Online Survey

Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council wishes to receive input from residents and businesses prior to Council budget deliberation meetings in March. This input will help to inform the City of Parksville's 2022 municipal budget and 2022-2026 financial plan.

The City's annual budget is part of a five-year financial plan that sets out the services and initiatives for the next five years and how the City of Parksville will pay for them. The City strives to maintain quality programs and services for our residents and keep taxes affordable for businesses and homeowners.

ONLINE SURVEY

In 2019, Council identified their five strategic plan priority areas as housing, recreation, healthcare, economic development and community safety. We are once again asking residents to complete a short online survey to assist Council to better understand where residents would prioritize monies to be spent in 2022. The survey, available online until February 28, may be accessed from the City's website and from this Link. As well, paper copies of the survey are available from City Hall.



PUBLIC BUDGET MEETINGS

Council meetings to discuss the budget will be held in March. Because in-person attendance at Council meetings in the Forum is limited, we will provide a variety of options for the public to be involved.

GET INVOLVED NOW

As well as completing the online survey, residents may also contribute through these means:

- Comments and questions may be emailed at any time to council@parksville.ca and will form part of the public record.
- Let's Talk Parksville! Learn about our budget process and ask questions. <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u> provides
 information to help our residents and business understand the City's budget process and how tax dollars are
 spent. Get involved by sharing your ideas and comments and it's a great place to ask questions. Input will form
 part of the public record and will be provided to Council.
- All Council budget deliberation meetings in March will be webstreamed live from the City's website and archived for viewing at another time.

If you are not familiar with the City's budget information, previous years' municipal budgets and financial plans are available on the City's <u>website</u> and on <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u>.

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