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Budget 2013 - Have Your Say

The Council of the City of Parksville extends an invitation to City residents to attend the public budget deliberation meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 18 at 5 pm. This special Committee of the Whole meeting will be held in the Forum at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the draft 2013 municipal budget currently before Council.

Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council would like your comments and suggestions. Here is how you can contribute to the discussion:

- Attend the budget deliberation meetings and comment in person. Council will provide an
 opportunity at the end of their discussion on April 18 for questions, comments and suggestions
 from the public.
- Watch the meeting live online through the City's webstreaming. Video from the meeting will be archived and may be viewed at another time. http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=445.
- Comments and questions may be sent via email to communications@parksville.ca
- You may provide comments on Facebook http://twitter.com/cityparksville (@cityparksville)
- Comments may also be provided via the website. For the month of April, there will be a link to an open ended comment form on the home page of the City's website. This will work if you do not have a Facebook or Twitter account.

Comments may be submitted by these means until April 26. Comments will be provided to Council prior to the second budget deliberation meeting (special Committee of the Whole) scheduled for Wednesday, May 1 at 6 pm. We welcome additional public input however; comments must be made in person at the May 1 meeting. Please note that by submitting a comment, question or suggestion, this information will become part of the public record. Comments will be responded to by Council or staff.

If you are not familiar with the City's budget information, the draft 2013-2017 Provisional Financial Plan, previous presentations to Council and other documents may be viewed or downloaded from the website at http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=71.

So whether you are attending in person or watching online, please weigh in and have your say.

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