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Budget Deliberation Meetings

City of Parksville open budget deliberation meetings to discuss the 2019 municipal budget and 2019-2023 financial plan will continue through April. Council will review and discuss the draft budget and Parksville residents are encouraged to attend meetings to learn more and provide input.

The City of Parksville required by legislation to present a balanced budget each spring, is committed to sound financial management. The City collects revenues from property taxes, fees and charges to provide programs and services and manage infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer as well as parks, trails and facilities.

As part of the 2019 budget process, Council requested individual department presentations to help familiarize themselves with budget details. Previous department presentations may be viewed on the City's website. Meetings will be held in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East. The remaining meetings will be as follows:

Monday, March 11 Planning, engineering, operations, utilities

Monday, March 18 Capital program presentation

Monday, April 8 Consolidated Budget

Wednesday, April 17 Consolidated Budget (if required)

Because public input is an important part of the financial planning process, an opportunity for questions and comments from residents will be provided at all meetings. As well, residents may email comments and questions to council@parksville.ca. Meetings may also be viewed online through webstreaming available from the home page of the City's website.

If you are not familiar with the City's budget information, the municipal budgets and financial plans may be viewed on the website at

http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=467 (Financial Plans) http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=521 (Budget Presentations)

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