

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **2020 Budget Planning Process**

Budget 2020 discussions will be conducted during October and November to determine the City of Parksville draft 2020 municipal budget and 2020-2024 financial plan. Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council wishes to receive comments and suggestions from residents.

Earlier this year, Council identified five strategic plan priority areas as housing, recreation, healthcare, economic development and community safety. We are conducting a short online survey to help the City better understand where residents would prioritize monies to be spent in 2020. The survey which is available online until October 23 may be accessed from https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Parksville-Budget2020. Paper copies of the survey are available from City Hall.

Residents are encouraged to attend budget deliberation meetings; Council will provide opportunities for the public to provide comments and ask questions at all budget meetings which will be held at 6 pm in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East.

- Monday, October 28
- Thursday, November 21
- Monday, November 25 (if required)

As well as completing the online survey and attending the budget meetings in person, here are two further opportunities to contribute to the discussion:

- Email comments and questions to council@parksville.ca. Comments should be received by October 23 for the October 28 meeting and by November 15 for the November 21 meeting. Please note comments will form part of the public record.
- Watch the meeting live online through the City's webstreaming. Video from the meeting is archived for viewing at another time as well.

If you are not familiar with the City's budget information, the municipal budgets and financial plans are available on the City's website.

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