



Your City – Your Voice is Needed: Provide Input on the City’s Draft Budget and Strategic Plan

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VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria is seeking public input on its **2019 Draft Financial Plan** and **2019 – 2022 Draft Strategic Plan**. There are three upcoming opportunities for the community to help set City priorities over the next four years.

“We really want to hear from the community what they feel the direction should be for Victoria over the next four years,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “On behalf of City Council, I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to dive deep on the draft budget and strategic plan, and let us know what they think the priorities should be.”

Budget Town Hall

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Victoria City Hall

City Council has given preliminary approval to the 2019 Draft Financial Plan and is looking for input from the community before finalizing the budget in early February. The community is invited to attend the City of Victoria’s **Budget Town Hall** to ask questions and give feedback, or watch the live webcast and participate online.

The City’s budget determines levels of funding for transportation, development, parks and recreation, and other important services that impact everyday life. The proposed 2019 operating budget totals \$244.7 million and the draft capital budget totals \$118 million. Learn more: www.victoria.ca/townhall.

Strategic Plan Engagement Summit

Saturday, January 19, 2019

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for check-in)

Victoria Conference Centre

Victoria citizens who would like to share ideas, learn together and build community, are invited to give a day to their city and participate in the City of Victoria’s **Strategic Plan Engagement Summit**. The public is invited to roll up their sleeves and join their neighbours to dive deep into the proposed Strategic Plan, to help set the course for the city over the next four years and map out the City’s 2019 Engagement Road Map.

Register now at: www.victoria.ca/strategicplan.

Online Survey

How the City invests tax dollars is one of the most important decisions in the community each year. Help provide direction on the City's draft Financial Plan and draft Strategic Plan by completing an online survey by **January 20, 2019**. Take the survey at: www.victoria.ca/budget.

Victoria City Council will consider the draft plans and all public input received, in early February.

Learn more at www.victoria.ca.

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