



Your Budget. We're Listening. Share Your Feedback on the Draft 2020 Budget

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — The City of Victoria is seeking the community's feedback on its **Draft 2020 Financial Plan**. The proposed plan allocates \$258.7 million to operate the City's more than 200 programs and services and invests \$42.1 million in capital infrastructure projects.

The City's annual budget enables Council to achieve its 2019-2022 Strategic Plan objectives, including Affordable Housing, Economic Prosperity and Inclusion, Climate Leadership and Environmental Stewardship, and more.

"The budget is an important way for Council to decide the best way to invest your tax dollars to provide high quality services, and to improve quality of life and well-being in the city," said Mayor Lisa Helps. "But we can't do it without you. We invite you to learn more about what's being proposed and provide input at our upcoming Budget Town Hall and by filling out our online survey."

Budget Town Hall / e-Town Hall

Thursday, November 21

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

Victoria City Hall

The community is invited to attend the City of Victoria's **Budget Town Hall** to ask questions and give feedback on the Draft 2020 Budget. The event will be interactive and webcast live. The public can provide comments in person, online, through social media, or by telephone. Learn more and plan to participate.

Online Survey

How the City invests tax dollars is one of the most important decisions in the community each year.

The public is invited to provide direction on the City's Draft 2020 Budget by completing an **online survey by midnight on Sunday, November 24** at victoria.ca/budget.

Budget Town Hall Youth Night

Thursday, November 21

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Quadra Village Community Centre

901 Kings Road

The City of Victoria Youth Council invites local youth to participate in the **Budget Town Hall Youth Night** from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Quadra Village Community Centre at 901 Kings Road. Youth are encouraged to get involved and be heard in real time during the City's Budget Town Hall. The event will include free pizza and refreshments. Registration is required. To register, go to: victoria.ca/budget.

Public input will help Victoria City Council finalize the Draft 2020 Financial Plan. Find out what's proposed by reading the *Draft 2020 Financial Plan*. For a quick read, view the *Budget Summary* or *Budget at a Glance*.

Learn more and get involved at victoria.ca/budget.

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