

## NEWS RELEASE

Distributed December 2, 2020

### City budget to be focus of upcoming eTown Hall

*Residents encouraged to participate on December 7, 2020*

#### Summary

Nanaimo residents wishing to discuss the City's 2021-2025 Financial Plan process will have the opportunity to do so by participating in an upcoming eTown Hall meeting scheduled for Monday, December 7.

The eTown Hall will start at 7:00 p.m. during the Regular Council Meeting and will run for one hour. If necessary, an additional 30 minutes will be allocated. Residents are encouraged to review available information prior to the start of the meeting. The draft 2021-2025 Financial Plan is available for review on the City website.

Opportunities to follow the 2021-2025 Financial Plan approval process have been made available with budget presentations and workshops taking place during Special Finance and Audit Committee meetings held on November 25, 27 and 30 and an upcoming one on December 4. Materials and recordings from these meetings can be found at [www.nanaimo.ca/meetings](http://www.nanaimo.ca/meetings).

*Strategic Link:* Providing opportunities for public input supports the strategic priority of Governance Excellence.

#### Key Points

- The eTown Hall will be streamed live on the City website at [www.nanaimo.ca/meetings](http://www.nanaimo.ca/meetings) and on Shaw Channel 4 beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec 7.
- Residents can submit their question through the City website at [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/etownhall](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/etownhall), on Twitter using #NanaimoTH and on the eTown Hall event page on [Facebook.com/CityofNanaimo](https://www.facebook.com/CityofNanaimo). Residents can also ask their questions by calling the City at 250-754-4251 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and during the Dec 7 eTown Hall from 7 to 8 p.m. at 250-755-4455.
- Residents are encouraged to review all related materials before participating in the eTown Hall. Links to recordings of budget discussions are available on the eTown Hall page on the City website.
- To ensure all trending topics are covered, questions that are similar in nature will be compiled into one or two questions so that there are none remaining by the end of the e-Town Hall.

#### Quotes

"This is the City's seventh year of hosting a Budget eTown Hall. Due to COVID restrictions, this year we encourage residents to submit their budget-related questions online or by phone. We have set up a hotline so that residents who don't have ready access to a computer or prefer to be in person can call in their questions live during the eTown Hall."

Laura Mercer  
Director, Finance  
City of Nanaimo

Continued... City budget to be focus of upcoming eTown Hall

## Quick Facts

- To date, the City of Nanaimo has held 11 eTown Hall meetings on subjects relating to the budget, core services review and strategic priorities. The first meeting, held in March of 2013, was awarded Bronze for Innovation Management by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC).

-30-

### Contact:

Laura Mercer  
Director, Finance  
City of Nanaimo  
250-755-4433



View the online edition for more information - <https://cnan.ca/3g2g4xU>