



COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: August 31, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Standing Committee on Finance and Audit

SUBJECT: Budget 2024 Community Engagement

ATTACHMENT(S): Staff Report to Standing Committee on Finance and Audit from Walter Babicz, City Manager dated August 16, 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council APPROVES hosting three (3) in-person public consultation sessions in the Fall of 2023 with one in the College Heights area, one in the Hart area, and one at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre, to form part of the 2024 Budget Community Engagement.

PURPOSE:

To engage the community and seek public input for the 2024 municipal budget.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The 2024 budget process supports Council's Goals of "Sustainable Fiscal Management" and "Sustainable Infrastructure".

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Administration presented the attached report on the 2024 budget consultation approach. The Committee received the report and made a motion as noted in this report to bring forward for Council's consideration. Administration referenced hosting an in-person consultation session at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre that includes staff presentations and the availability of staff to answer questions from the public. Council would be invited to attend, listen and engage with the public. The Committee recommended two additional sessions in College Heights and the Hart to broaden the reach to the community.

The City does not have budget specifically earmarked for the increase in consultation sessions but Administration advises that it can be absorbed in the City's 2023 operating budget. Costs would include venue rental, materials and supplies, and staff overtime (excluding Directors who are not eligible for overtime) for the evening sessions.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The Standing Committee on Finance and Audit requests that Council approve the recommendation in this report.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Councillor Cori Ramsay, Chair
Standing Committee on Finance and Audit

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2023