



Committee Report to Council

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Date: August 30, 2024

To: **Mayor and Council.**

Name and title: Standing Committee on Finance and Audit

Subject: Budget 2025 Community Engagement

Attachment(s): Staff Report to Standing Committee on Finance and Audit from Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services dated August 15, 2024

Recommendation(s):

That Council APPROVES hosting an in-person public consultation session in the Fall of 2024 at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre, to form part of the 2025 Budget Community Engagement.

Purpose:

To engage the community and seek public input for the 2025 municipal budget.

Strategic Priorities:

The 2025 budget process supports Council's Goals of "Sustainable Fiscal Management" and "Sustainable Infrastructure".

Discussion:

Administration presented the attached report on the 2025 budget consultation approach and referenced hosting an in-person consultation session at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre.

This event will be more robust than the previous events and may include, posters with dot matrix voting, opportunities to provide feedback based on where you live, speed networking with council members, individual scheduled presentations with Q&A for each service area. This more involved event will likely span 4-5 hours. The event will be held in the late-afternoon and evening at the Conference and Civic Centre. The City's senior leadership team will be present to respond to questions. City Council is invited to attend to listen to the questions and information shared as well as participate in the speed networking if desired.

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

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Approved:

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Meeting date: [2024/09/09]