

MEDIA RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dec. 18, 2020

King looking for public input on 2021 budget

Virtual Public Information Centre being held on Jan. 20

King Township is offering citizens several ways to provide input on the draft 2021 budget, including during a virtual Public Information Centre on Jan. 20, 2021.

"While the COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things in King Township, giving citizens the opportunity to provide us with feedback on the draft budget is not one of them," said Peggy Tollett, King Township's Director of Finance/Treasurer. "Even though we won't be able to have in-person meetings, we've launched a new online budget engagement page on our SpeaKING platform and we will also host a virtual Public Engagement Centre on Jan. 20."

Citizens can access the 2021 Budget Book and Quick Reference Guide at speaking.king.ca/2021-budget. The Budget Book includes information on the draft budget council will consider in the new year. The Quick Reference Guide is an information booklet that includes an explanation of the different parts of the budget, including the difference between the operating and capital portions.

The speaking.king.ca/2021-budget page has three ways citizens can provide feedback:

- By completing a short survey to let us know what you think council's budget priorities should be
- Contributing feedback through the Ideas feature
- Providing direct feedback by email

The page also includes other important information, such as key dates, the budget process timeline, important documents and the ability to subscribe to get future updates delivered right to your email inbox.

The other key engagement opportunity will be at the virtual Public Information Centre on Jan. 20 from 6 pm to 8 pm. There will be a presentation on the budget followed by the opportunity for pre-registered viewers to ask question and provide feedback in real time.

More details on how to pre-register for the virtual Public Information Centre will be provided in the new year in the King Weekly Sentinel, at www.king.ca and at speaking.king.ca/2021-budget.

-30-

Media contact

Jason Ballantyne, communications officer | Phone: 905-833-4573 | Email: jballantyne@king.ca