

2010 BUDGET PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

Town of Cochrane residents are invited to participate in the 2010 Budget process. The public consultation process follows the guiding principles of our community engagement policy.

Accessibility

- The proposed 2010 Budget is available to Council November 16, 2009, two weeks prior to budget deliberations.
- The proposed 2010 Budget will be available on the Town website November 18, 2009.
- Notice of a Town Hall Budget Meeting on November 26, 2009 will be advertised in the local papers.
- A hard copy of the proposed 2010 Budget is available if a resident requests one.
- A budget summary insert will be published in the Cochrane Eagle on November 25, 2009.

Accountability

- The budget document discloses to the community impacts of decisions made on the 2010-2012 Town's Strategic Plan.
- Citizens who provide feedback will have their comments included in the budget package when Council deliberates the budget.
- The budget document provides Council with relevant information required for budget decisions made during their deliberations –during a Special Meeting scheduled for November 30, December 1 and 2, 2009.

Communication

- A Town Hall Budget Meeting will be held at the RancheHouse on Thursday, November 26 at 7 pm.
- A clear process is being used to gather public feedback and then share results with each member of Council. Comments and questions are being gathered by Paige Milner, Manager of Financial Services. Responses will be documented and provided to Council prior to November 30, 2009.

Continuous Improvement

- The budget summary insert includes a feedback form.
- An online feedback form is on the Town website.