

# District of Invermere 2018 Budget Public Consultation Dates

Few people enjoy paying taxes. Most people have the assumption that somehow the money they pay in taxes is not spent efficiently or even worse, potentially wasted. Despite what seems like a common belief, and what is sometimes encouraged by certain business lobby groups, very few people take the time to do their own research and develop an understanding of where money is collected from and how it is spent. Although often budgets and pages of financial figures can be less than exciting- no one disputes it is important.



## Seniors Lunch

New this year, Council members are going to attend the November 9th Seniors lunch at the Legion and anyone attending may come chat with Council.

Local Governments are the most transparent and accessible when it comes to finances and you as a resident and rate payer have the opportunity to have direct input into the budget and the future financial decisions for the District of Invermere. Take the time to inform yourself and take the time to provide your perspective to your elected council members. Please consider attending a budget open house session, or have a cup of coffee with council during our upcoming coffee sessions- if you need more motivation to attend just consider this- your tax dollars are buying that coffee, so come drink it and learn more.

Let's talk numbers!  
Mayor Gerry Taft

## Coffee with Council

This was a successful event last year and Council felt they heard some great comments, so they are going to continue this into 2018.

Please join Council for an informal conversation on budget at:

- The Quality Bakery on November 7th at 8:30 a.m.
- The Bistro on November 7th at 10 a.m.
- The Circle Café on November 8th at 9 a.m.

## Council Open Houses

The tradition of a budget open house continues, however, with a new flair at the new Columbia Valley Centre.

You will have a couple of opportunities to express your opinion and check out the new centre as well.

- November 22nd at 6 p.m.
- December 6th at 6 p.m.

Each of these open houses will start with a different presentation each time with the final open house being a conclusion of what the 2018 budget will look like.

## Survey

The annual survey will be available to fill online or by hand at one of the many events. Please take the time and have your opinion heard!