

Ask Me About the Budget

Citizens invited to post budget questions on City blog

Edmontonians are invited to ask senior managers about the City budget, programs and services in several noon hour "ask me about the budget" sessions.

Senior managers from all City departments will be available to answer questions posted to the City's <u>Transforming Edmonton blog</u>. Questions can be asked about any of the programs and services the City provides such as police, fire rescue, transit, snow clearing, pothole repair, libraries, flood prevention, recycling and recreation centres.

Edmontonians can submit their questions starting today. The questions, and the answers from the City, will be posted live during the "ask me about the budget" sessions:

- November 18, 2015, noon -1 p.m. Ask Me About the Budget: Session 1 with Financial Services and Utilities and Edmonton Public Library.
- November 19, 2015, noon -1 p.m. <u>Ask Me About the Budget Session 2 with Community Services</u>
- November 20, 2015, noon -1 p.m. <u>Ask Me About the Budget: Session 3 with Sustainable</u> Development
- November 23, 2015, noon -1 p.m. <u>Ask Me About the Budget: Session 4 with Transportation Services and Corporate Services</u>
- November 25, 2015, noon -1 p.m. <u>Ask Me About the Budget: Session 5 with Edmonton Police</u> Service

These blog sessions are another one of the ways the City is engaging with citizens on the 2016-18 Operating and Utilities Budgets.

Over the last few months, the City has heard from citizens through in-person sessions at various summer festivals and online using an interactive budget-balancing tool. The City has also made its budget information more user friendly through a <u>budget primer</u> and a new open data version of the budget found at <u>budget edmonton.ca</u>.

Also, on November 23, Edmonton City Council is holding a public hearing on the upcoming budget. Citizens can register to speak at the hearing by registering online at edmonton.ca/meetings, calling the Office of the City Clerk at 780-496-8178, or registering in person at the Office of the City Clerk — 3rd Floor, City Hall.

For more information:

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