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CVRD hosting open houses for public participation in 2020 budget

Duncan, **BC** – The Cowichan Valley Regional District is inviting residents to participate in shaping its 2020 budget with several ways to provide input over the next two months.

Later this month there will be four open houses across the Cowichan region where residents can learn more about the draft 2020 budget from CVRD staff and elected officials. The open houses will also provide a forum for asking questions and giving feedback prior to significant decision making by committee or board throughout the remainder of the year.

"This is an opportunity for residents to come out and learn more about the many services provided locally and across the region, and the often challenging considerations that go into funding these services each year," said Ian Morrison, Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. "This is an effort and energy intensive topic and there are always tough decisions to be made. It's important to involve taxpayers and for elected officials and staff to hear their thoughts as early as possible in the process."

The draft 2020 budget will be presented to the CVRD Corporate Services Committee on October 9 and available for review on the CVRD website thereafter. The public meetings are open to all, and residents are encouraged to drop-in at any point throughout the scheduled meeting times.

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Wednesday, October 16 Saltair Community Centre

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Thursday, October 17 Cowichan Community Centre

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Tuesday, October 22 Kerry Park Recreation Centre

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Thursday, October 24 Cowichan Lake Sports Arena

In addition to attending a public meeting, residents will be able to submit feedback on the 2020 budget through the CVRD website and PlaceSpeak.

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