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CITY LAUNCHES ANNUAL BUDGET ENGAGEMENT TOOL

Brooks – City Council and staff once again invite you to become engaged in the annual budget process through an online budget engagement tool, Citizen Budget, available until November 15. The interactive online platform will provide feedback on budgetary spending and service levels to management and Council prior to the 2019 budget deliberations.

Citizen Budget shows financial impacts of participants' choices in real time, educating them about the trade-offs and constraints faced by their municipality. Users will be able to communicate whether they would spend more or less on specific services like Recreation or Public Safety. The activity also allows for greater transparency when it comes to the collection and allocation of property taxes.

“This is the third year we have used Citizen Budget for community engagement during budget deliberations and we are hoping to engage more residents this year to get an accurate representation of where residents would like to see their tax dollars allocated,” says Shelley Thomas, Manager of Finance. As an added incentive to complete the Citizen Budget activity, there will be a draw for a one-year membership to the JBS Canada Centre or an iPad.

At the end of the engagement tool, participants will receive a summary of their suggestions and a comparison to what other participants suggested. A final report will also be created and made public for residents.

Have your say and participate online at www.brooksbudget.com.

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