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Finance Committee Announces Budget 2020 Consultation Details

VICTORIA – The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, a parliamentary committee of the Legislative Assembly, has announced details for its Budget 2020 consultation.

The consultation, an annual event where British Columbians are invited to share their priorities and ideas for the next provincial budget, opens on Monday, June 3, 2019. While the consultation typically takes place in the fall, this year it will take place in the summer to enable the Committee to deliver its report earlier in the budget process.

“Every year, the committee hears diverse perspectives and suggestions on a number of topics,” said committee chair Bob D’Eith. “Moving the consultation to June will allow for more time to review and consider this input and the recommendations put forward by the committee.”

“There are many opportunities and ways to participate,” added deputy chair Dan Ashton. “We encourage all British Columbians to take part and share their views on the issues affecting their families and communities.”

British Columbians can provide their input by speaking with the committee in-person or via teleconference at a public hearing; by providing a written, audio or video submission; or by filling out an online survey. Public hearings are being held in 15 communities throughout the province:

Colwood (June 10)
Kimberley (June 11)
Castlegar (June 11)
Kelowna (June 12)
Kamloops (June 12)
Courtenay (June 13)
Qualicum Beach (June 13)
Vancouver (June 14)
Prince Rupert (June 17)
Kitimat (June 18)
Prince George (June 18)
Fort St. John (June 19)
Quesnel (June 19)
Abbotsford (June 20)
Surrey (June 21)

Registration for public hearings opens Monday, May 27, 2019 at 9 a.m. (Pacific time) via the committee’s website: <https://bcleg.ca/FGSbudget>

Teleconference opportunities and interpretive services can be requested by calling 250-356-2933 or 1-877-428-8337 (toll-free in BC).

The deadline for all input is Friday, June 28, 2019 at 5 p.m. (Pacific time). The committee intends to release its report in late July or early August.

The members of the committee are:

Bob D'Eith, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission (chair);
Dan Ashton, MLA Penticton (deputy chair);
Doug Clovechok, MLA Columbia River-Revelstoke
Rich Coleman, MLA Langley East
Mitzi Dean, MLA Esquimalt-Metchosin;
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