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Finance Committee Announces Budget 2021 Consultation Details

VICTORIA – The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, a parliamentary committee of the Legislative Assembly, has announced details for this year’s provincial budget consultation.

Opening on June 1, 2020, British Columbians can participate by speaking at a public hearing, sending written comments, or filling out an online survey. All public hearings and meetings of the committee will be conducted virtually via video/teleconference.

“While the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to change the way we live, work, and connect with one another, the importance of legislators connecting directly with British Columbians has not changed,” said committee chair Bob D’Eith. “We encourage all British Columbians to share their views on the challenges they are facing, and how the province can respond in the months and years to come.”

“Committee members recognize that the pandemic and its impact is at the forefront for many families, businesses and communities, and that other issues persist and are exacerbated by current realities,” added deputy chair Doug Clovechok. “We welcome any and all input on ideas and solutions to address these issues.”

This year, public hearings will be organized by theme with presenters appearing in panel groups. Those interested in presenting can register online now at <https://bcleg.ca/FGSbudget> or by calling 250-356-2933 or 1-877-428-8337 (toll-free in BC). Registration closes May 21, 2020.

The deadline for all input is Friday, June 26, 2020 at 5 p.m. (Pacific time). The committee intends to release its report in August.

For further details on the consultation and all the ways to participate, visit the Committee’s website at <https://bcleg.ca/FGSbudget> or contact the Parliamentary Committees Office at 250-356-2933 or 1-877-428-8337 (toll-free in BC).

The members of the committee are:

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Doug Clovechok, MLA Columbia River-Revelstoke (deputy chair);
Donna Barnett, MLA Cariboo-Chilcotin
Rich Coleman, MLA Langley East;
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