

SAANICH STRATEGIC PLAN & BUDGET ROADMAP

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The District of Saanich faces choices every day that affect those who live and work here.

We make these kinds of decisions with the guidance of plans specifically, the 4 year Strategic Plan and yearly Budget - they establish the priorities for our community's future and how to pay for it.

Take a look at this roadmap and think about how you might like to be involved or provide input and feedback.

TO BUILD A STRATEGIC PLAN WE NEED:



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Tell us how you want to be part of the ride.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Rate your level of knowledge or awareness of the current 4 year Saanich Strategic Plan.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I don't know anything | I know very little | I have a basic understanding | Knowledgeable | I'm very knowledgeable |

2. Rate your level of knowledge or awareness you have about how the annual budget is developed.

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3. How involved have you been in past budget building processes? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- I've never participated, I'm not interested
- I would like to participate, I don't know how, and I need more information
- I've participated and keen to continue
- I've participated and want more opportunities to be involved

4. There are many different ways the public can be involved in informing strategic priorities or budgets. Which method works best for you?

- I'd like to provide some quick input in an easy way on my own
 - I prefer quick face-to face options
 - I prefer online options
- I'd like to learn more, attend in-person sessions to share knowledge and understand the issues
- I'd like to work together with my friends and neighbours to have meaningful conversations about key issues
- Other, please describe _____
- I'd like to see a combination of all of these options
- I'd like better information about the budget and strategic plans and then decide whether I need to participate
- I chose to use other methods of providing my input such as participating in the Citizen and Business Survey or by voting for an elected official

5. So what do you need?

What has or could stop you or others from participating in strategic planning or budgeting processes in the past?

- The topic of strategic planning and budgeting feels too complicated
- The current opportunities to give input don't suit my preferences or available time
- I need more information and knowledge to participate
- I'm not interested in participating
- Other _____

What information would you need to participate in a meaningful way? _____

What are the first 3 digits of your postal code? _____

What is your age?

- 0-17
- 18-35
- 36-55
- 56-74
- 75+

Do you...?

- Own your home
- Rent your home
- Neither

This information helps us to understand who has participated in this process.

Thank you for participating! Want to stay involved? Visit saanich.ca/yoursayyourway for more information.

DEFINITIONS

Departmental Work Plan

Departments prepare work plans that contain major activities to accomplish in the coming year and, including initiatives contained in the strategic plan.

Budget Guidelines

Council provide direction to staff as to what their budget submission should be based on.

Departmental Budget

Based on the activities planned for the year and the budget guideline, departmental budgets are compiled, outlining expected costs and associated revenues.

Financial Plan (District Budget)

The departmental budgets are compiled to create a draft financial plan.

Senior Management Review

The Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Finance review the draft financial plan to ensure consistency with the current strategic plan and budget guideline.

Public Input Budget Meetings

Several public meetings are scheduled where each department presents its portion of the financial plan, allowing Council review and for public scrutiny and input.