

#### **ALBERTA BUDGET PORTAL 2024**

#### Issue

The provincial government is consulting Albertans on the 2024 budget and has provided an online platform for residents to submit their thoughts and ideas regarding priorities.

# **Motion Proposed by Administration**

That the Alberta Budget Portal 2024 report be received as information.

### Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

Below is the link for residents of Alberta to provide feedback to help set the direction of the provincial budget. It is an opportunity to share your thoughts, as an Albertan, to inform the development of Alberta Budget 2024. This is especially important as rising cost of living and inflation are causing challenges for many people.

The Town of Okotoks has received a response from Minister Horner regarding its submission specifically advocating for affordable housing investment projects, the Hwy2/338 interchange and increases to the Local Governance Fiscal Framework Capital fund. This response is attached for information.

The deadline for submissions is January 19, 2024 and the collective information will be released in February 2024.

Budget 2024 consultation | Alberta.ca

# **Strategic Plan Goals**

	Responsibly Managed Growth			Demonstrated Environmental Leadership Enhanced Culture & Community Health
	Strong Local Economy			
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# Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy

n/a

#### **Environmental Impacts**

n/a

# **Public Participation Strategy**

n/a

#### **Alternatives for Consideration**

n/a

#### **CAO Comments**

Okotoks is ready to grow and ready to go. We have shovel ready projects for affordable housing waiting for provincial investment that is a priority for our community. Health and safety is a key concern and the intersection of Hwy 2 and 338 and is the next priority for Okotoks. Ensuring long term sustainable funding at a level to keep up with inflation is our third priority for the Town of Okotoks. These priorities have been submitted via letter, and the organization has completed the online survey to share our priorities.

# Attachment(s)

- 1. Letter to Minister Horner dated October 30, 2023
- 2. Minister Horner's Response Letter dated December 5, 2023

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