Draft 2026 Budget Survey



Have your say!

Thank you for taking the time to share your input! As we prepare for final deliberations on the Draft 2026 Budget, we want to hear from you. This survey is part of our second round of public engagement and is designed to gather community feedback on the draft budget. Your responses will help guide decisions that shape the future of our city.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. All questions are optional, and responses can be submitted anonymously. Before you begin, we encourage you to review the Draft 2026 Budget at **engagevernon.ca/budget**.

At the end of the survey, you can choose to enter a draw for a $150 gift card to a local business.

Final deliberations on the 2026 Budget will take place on December 1 in Council Chambers. Community members are welcome to attend.

1) Which best describes your connection to Vernon? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ I live in Vernon
- ☐ I have a business in Vernon
- ☐ I live and have a business in Vernon
- ☐ I own property in Vernon but live elsewhere
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

2) This year's proposed budget aims to advance key elements of Council's priorities, making our community more livable, vibrant and resilient.

Key focus areas include: Community Safety, Health / Recreation and Infrastructure

Do you agree that these should be the top priorities for the City of Vernon?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

3) To what extent do you support the following proposed investments?

Improve Public Safety by continuing to invest in protective services, including RCMP officers, firefighters and crime prevention initiatives.

☐ Strongly Support ☐ Support ☐ Neutral / Unsure ☐ Oppose ☐ Strongly Oppose

Invest in core infrastructure projects such as roads, sidewalks, and sewer systems to support a growing and connected community.

☐ Strongly Support ☐ Support ☐ Neutral / Unsure ☐ Oppose ☐ Strongly Oppose

Support the renewal and replacement of public facilities to maintain safe and functional community spaces.

☐ Strongly Support ☐ Support ☐ Neutral / Unsure ☐ Oppose ☐ Strongly Oppose

Maintain service levels to ensure continued delivery of essential services.

☐ Strongly Support ☐ Support ☐ Neutral / Unsure ☐ Oppose ☐ Strongly Oppose

Plan for sustainable growth that supports housing development.

☐ Strongly Support ☐ Support ☐ Neutral / Unsure ☐ Oppose ☐ Strongly Oppose

Invest in parks, trails, and green spaces to enhance community well-being and recreational opportunities.

☐ Strongly Support ☐ Support ☐ Neutral / Unsure ☐ Oppose ☐ Strongly Oppose

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4) Would you prefer to introduce or increase user fees (i.e. pay parking, recreation rates, facility rentals) in exchange for a lower tax rate?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5) Do you prefer to reduce City services in exchange for a lower tax increase? If yes, what services would you suggest we reduce (infrastructure, recreation, fire, RCMP, bylaw, essential services such as street sweeping, road maintenance, sewer or other)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please share your thoughts on which services to reduce: _____

6) Please rank your level of agreement with the following statement:

I am satisfied with the budget information and consultation available to me this year.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral / Unsure ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

7) Do you have any other feedback on what is proposed in the Draft 2026 Budget? If so, please share.

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Demographics Questions

11) What is your age group?

☐ Under 18 ☐ 18 - 24 ☐ 25 - 34 ☐ 34 - 44 ☐ 45 - 54 ☐ 55 - 64 ☐ 65+

12) Where do you live?

☐ City of Vernon ☐ District of Coldstream ☐ Regional District of North Okanagan

☐ Other: _____

13) Which of the following best describes your household?

☐ Single adult living alone ☐ Couple without children ☐ Couple with children

☐ Single parent with child(ren) ☐ Multi-generational household ☐ Roommates or unrelated adults sharing a home

☐ Other: _____

Communications Questions

14) Please indicate your level of agreement for the following statements:

I feel this engagement was valuable:

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Don't Know

I learned something new:

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Don't Know

This information was clear and easy to understand:

☐ Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Don't Know

15) How did you hear about this engagement opportunity?

☐ Emails from the City ☐ City websites ☐ Local news or media

☐ Social media ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Event or community meeting

☐ Other:_____

Thank you for participating!

The results of this first round of engagement will be shared with the community in December.

Residents of the City who complete the budget survey can also be entered into a draw for a $150 gift card to a Vernon business of their choice (one entry per household).

To enter, please add your email address: _____

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