

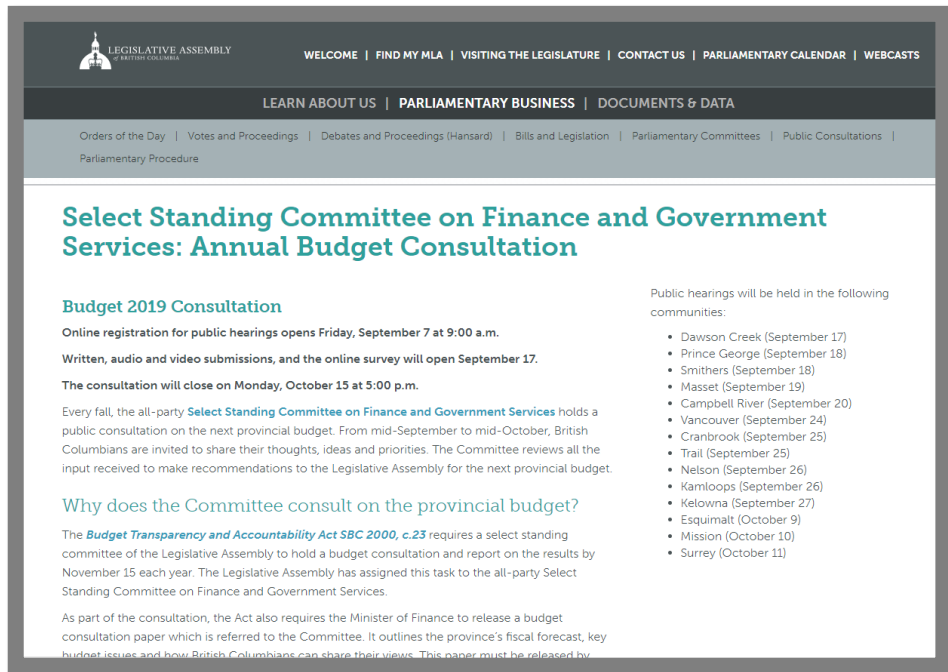
# Budget Consultations in British Columbia

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# BC Budget Consultation Process

- Established by Statute in 2000
- Budget Transparency and Accountability Act
- Budget Consultation Paper
- Consultation begins by September 15
- Committee Report for the Legislative Assembly by November 15



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## Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services: Annual Budget Consultation

### Budget 2019 Consultation

Online registration for public hearings opens Friday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Written, audio and video submissions, and the online survey will open September 17.

The consultation will close on Monday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Every fall, the all-party **Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services** holds a public consultation on the next provincial budget. From mid-September to mid-October, British Columbians are invited to share their thoughts, ideas and priorities. The Committee reviews all the input received to make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly for the next provincial budget.

### Why does the Committee consult on the provincial budget?

The **Budget Transparency and Accountability Act SBC 2000, c.23** requires a select standing committee of the Legislative Assembly to hold a budget consultation and report on the results by November 15 each year. The Legislative Assembly has assigned this task to the all-party Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

As part of the consultation, the Act also requires the Minister of Finance to release a budget consultation paper which is referred to the Committee. It outlines the province's fiscal forecast, key budget issues and how British Columbians can share their views. This paper must be released by

Public hearings will be held in the following communities:

- Dawson Creek (September 17)
- Prince George (September 18)
- Smithers (September 18)
- Masset (September 19)
- Campbell River (September 20)
- Vancouver (September 24)
- Cranbrook (September 25)
- Trail (September 25)
- Nelson (September 26)
- Kamloops (September 26)
- Kelowna (September 27)
- Esquimalt (October 9)
- Mission (October 10)
- Surrey (October 11)

# Overview of the BC Budget Consultation Process



- Regional public hearings
- Written submissions
- Online survey responses
- Video and audio submissions
- Skype and Teleconference Options

# Roles in Budget Development

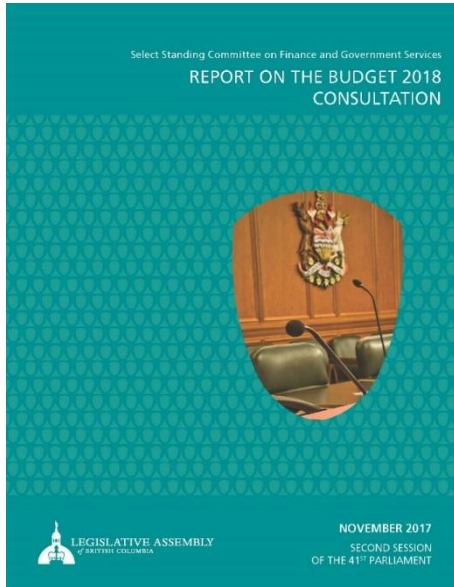
Executive Branch

Ministry of Finance

- Prepares Budget Consultation Paper
- Following report release, considers recommendations
- Prepares and presents annual budget
- Implements, manages and reports on budget



# Roles in Budget Development



## Legislative Branch

### Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

- Budget Consultations
- Membership comprised of all recognized parties
- Deliberates on findings
- Provides balanced recommendations
- Reports to Legislative Assembly

# Citizen Participation and Engagement

- Outreach in the past
- New Communications and outreach strategies
- Online engagement and advertising
- Targeted engagement
  - Individuals and organizations
  - First time participants
  - Indigenous Outreach





## Brochure on the Consultation

### PUBLIC HEARINGS\*

- September 17: **Dawson Creek**  
September 18: **Prince George** and **Smithers**  
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\*Schedule subject to change



### TIMELINE

- September 7**  
Registration opens for public hearings
- By September 15**  
Minister of Finance releases budget consultation paper
- September 17**  
Consultation opens
- October 15**  
Consultation closes: deadline for all input
- October to November**  
Committee reviews input
- By November 15**  
Committee issues report with recommendations
- Third Tuesday in February**  
Budget 2019 presented

#### SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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are

your  
ideas?

## 2019 BC BUDGET CONSULTATION

health? 

 education?

economic  
development? 

 environment?

housing? 

 social  
services?

public safety? 

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Select Standing Committee on Finance  
and Government Services

**what are your ideas?**

**2019 BC BUDGET CONSULTATION**

**SHARE YOUR VIEWS**  
by October 15, 2018

-  In-person at a public hearing
-  Provide written comments
-  Fill out the online survey

Online registration for public hearings opens online on **September 7**. Teleconference and first-come, first-served open mic opportunities will also be available.

Provide written comments or fill out the online survey **September 17 - October 15**.

For details on how to participate visit our website.

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**ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਕੀ ਹਨ?**

**2019 ਬੀਸੀ ਬਜਟ ਕੰਸਲਟੇਸ਼ਨ**

**ਆਪਣੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਸਾਂਝੇ ਕਰੋ**  
**15 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 2018, ਤੱਕ**

-  ਸਾਖਿਆਤ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਜਨਤਕ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਵਿੱਚ
-  ਲਿਖਤੀ ਟਿੱਪਣੀਆਂ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕਰੋ
-  ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਸਰਵੇਖਣ ਭਰੋ

ਜਨਤਕ ਸੁਣਵਾਈਆਂ ਲਈ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ 7 ਸਿਤੰਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਖੁੱਲੇਗੀ। ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਕਨਫਰੈਂਸ ਅਤੇ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਆਉ, ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸੇਵਾ ਪਾਓ ਦੇ ਅਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਓਪਨ ਮਾਈਕ ਮੌਕੇ ਵੀ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੋਣਗੇ। ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ।

ਲਿਖਤੀ ਟਿੱਪਣੀਆਂ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕਰੋ ਜਾਂ 17 ਸਿਤੰਬਰ - 15 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਸਰਵੇਖਣ ਭਰੋ।

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## Next Steps

- Explore participatory budgeting
- Tracking the impact and implementation of Committee recommendations
- Renewed online communication and outreach to new participants



# Thank you



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