

Report to Committee

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TOPIC:	September 21 Budget 2025 Meeting Location	August 27, 2024
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PURPOSE:

This report presents an outline of how the Budget 2025 will be shared with residents and businesses.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Committee accept the September 21 Budget Meeting Location report as information.

RATIONALE:

This recommendation is based on three key reasons:

1. **Technical Capability:** Council Chambers is equipped to conduct Council meetings with the necessary technology to stream the entire meeting through e-Scribe without additional costs.
2. **Accessibility and Transparency:** By utilizing existing streaming methods, residents, businesses, and other interested parties can watch the meeting live or at a convenient time, ensuring broader access and understanding of the proceedings.
3. **Venue Availability:** The Morinville Community Cultural Centre, the only other Town-owned facility capable of hosting this meeting, is booked for a local fundraising event.

REPORT INFORMATION:

Council Chambers is deemed the most suitable location for this meeting due to its existing technological infrastructure that supports live streaming and ensures legislative compliance. This would mark the first time the full budget meeting is live-streamed, allowing real-time and on-demand viewing, aligning with our transparency and community engagement goals.

Using alternative locations with portable monitors was considered but deemed less suitable. The complexity and context of the discussions may lead to misinformation if only portions of the meeting are viewed. Therefore, the use of portable monitors in other facilities is not recommended.

Council Chambers is the designated space for Council meetings, reinforcing its role as the venue for important Council decisions. We will continue encouraging community members to attend these meetings in person or online to stay informed about decisions affecting Morinville's future.

Research also ruled out the Morinville Community Cultural Centre as a potential venue due to the Morinville Curling Club's prior booking for a fundraising event.

IMPACT:

There are no budgetary impacts.

NEXT STEPS:

The communications plan for the 2025 Budget awareness campaign will continue to be implemented.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

At the June 25, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council, a motion to direct Administration to explore opportunities and associated costs for hosting or livestreaming the September 21, 2024, meeting to discuss Budget 2025 at other locations.

ALIGNMENT:

Morinville 2022-2025 Strategic Plan:

Goal 1 - Community Building, Residents and businesses have opportunities to actively engage in, and are informed of, decision-making and planning our future.

CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT:

- N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

- N/A

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