



Citizen Input Invited on Draft Public Participation Policy

Citizen Survey and Comment Form Posted on Town Website and Available at Town Office

(May 2, 2018 – Ponoka, Alberta) – The Town of Ponoka is inviting citizen input as it creates a Public Participation Policy. The purpose of a Public Participation Policy is to identify the types of circumstances or decisions on which the Town will engage citizens in municipal decision-making processes, and the types of approaches the Town will use to involve the public in municipal decision-making.

The Town already engages citizens in a variety of ways to invite input on decision-making for a wide range of topics and issues. Some of the public participation opportunities provided to Ponoka citizens include:

- Council Advisory Committees (for example Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee, Police Advisory Committee, Heritage and Downtown Revitalization Committee, Utilities and Environmental Committee, and more)
- Coffee with Council events
- Online and paper surveys
- Open Houses
- Public Hearings
- An opportunity to address Council during Public Forum at the start of every Council meeting

The Town has created a Draft Public Participation Policy for discussion purposes. As Town Council and Administration move toward establishing an approved Public Participation Policy, we are inviting citizens to review the Draft Policy and to fill out an online Citizen Survey and Comment Form **by May 14, 2018**. The Draft Policy and the Citizen Survey and Comment Form are both posted on the Town website at www.ponoka.ca and are available at the Town Office (C, 4900-54 St.).

Citizen input provided through the Citizen Survey and Comment Form will be carefully reviewed and considered by Town Council and Administration during the draft review process and the creation of the Town's Public Participation Policy. The Town will report back to citizens on the new policy once it is approved later this summer. Thank you for your input!

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