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To: Chair and Directors, Finance/Budget Committee

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Kat Chatten, Manager of Communications

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Short Summary:

Budget 2026 Public Engagement Report

Background:

As part of the 2026 budget process, we asked residents for input through a region-wide public survey that was promoted across print, digital, social media, and radio.

Overall, the message is fairly consistent: most residents want to maintain current service levels, with clear interest in strengthening areas like recreation, economic development, and emergency services. Core operational services remain steady, while a few program areas show lower satisfaction paired with interest in improvement.

Written comments largely focused on service responsiveness, long-term infrastructure investment, and affordability.

Attachments:

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