

Town of Caledon's 2023 Budget process begins with resident survey]

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Caledon residents interested in the Town's finances will want to participate in the Town of Caledon's 2023 budget survey that's now open.

The survey is being conducted online on Caledon's public engagement website, haveyoursaycaledon.ca and will remain open until January 3, 2023, when Caledon's 2023 proposed budget will be released.

On January 10, presentations on the proposed budget will be held and on January 18 there will be a budget question and answer session with Town of Caledon staff. On February 7, Caledon Council will deliberate on the 2023 budget before making a final decision on it at its February 28 meeting.

In addition to filling out the Town's budget survey, the Town is encouraging residents to attend and participate in budget council meetings, view budget documents and presentations on haveyoursaycaledon.ca, and ask any questions they may have to Town staff.

Myuran Palasandiran is Caledon's Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, and explained in a media release that the Town's budget sets out what services are provided and how it will deliver them.

"We are currently preparing Caledon's 2023 Budget for the Town and will benefit from understanding what's important to residents and businesses," said Palasandiran.

Caledon's budget supports the daily operations of the Town as well as services such as parks and recreation, community events, fire and emergency services, bylaw enforcement, infrastructure, climate change programs, libraries, and more.

Mayor Annette Groves says she encourages all residents and businesses in Caledon to participate in the survey as it will help Council better understand Caledon residents' priorities and make informed decisions.

"We are working towards a prosperous and sustainable Caledon knowing growth and other challenges are ahead with new legislation and rising costs," says Groves.