

Wetaskiwin City Council to continue budget deliberations Feb. 19

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WETASKIWIN, AB - Open and transparent - understanding and sympathetic with regard to the concerns of residents.

Wetaskiwin City Council listened to what citizens had to say, and is now faced with some difficult decisions to make with regard to passing its 2013/2014 budgets.

Taking into account the feedback received from a Public Budget Open House held Feb. 4 at City Hall, and the latest Coffee with the Mayor, held Feb. 7 at the Wetaskiwin Legion, City of Wetaskiwin Mayor Bill Elliot directed City Administration to pull approval of the 2013/2014 budgets from the agenda prior to the Feb. 11 Wetaskiwin City Council meeting.

Mayor Elliot doesn't believe it would be appropriate to approve the budget without full discussion of the feedback that Council has received during the aforementioned public events. The Public Budget Open House enticed nearly 100 people out to council chambers to give council their thoughts on the budget, while Coffee with the Mayor had more than 20 people show up to chat with Council.

Considering the presentation made by Wetaskiwin & County Chamber of Commerce president Randy Plant to Council with its perspective on possible budget cuts at the Feb. 11 council meeting, Mayor Elliot believes the extra deliberation time will give Council the opportunity to discuss and consider the Chamber's feedback prior to budget approval.

City Administration has arranged for an additional day of public budget deliberation meetings to take place Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013 beginning at 9 a.m.

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