



# MEMBER MOTION

## Section 5.4.4 (b) of Procedure By-law

<b>Meeting:</b>	Budget Committee of the Whole
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 14, 2023
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Public Consultation on Budget
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Deputy Mayor/Regional and Local Councillor Chan

**WHEREAS** Council is committed to open and transparent process in setting the annual Operating Budget to deliver quality programs and services to residents and businesses in the City of Richmond Hill;

**WHEREAS** it has been the practice to hold public meetings for budget consultations with the community, and the City has previously conducted budget consultations in public spaces (shopping mall and library) and online surveys to reach out to residents in the past which were not the most effective method to consult for the City's budget;

**WHEREAS** the City has used "Citizen Budget", an online interactive tool, for residents and businesses to provide input and contribute to the budgetary process at a time and place that is convenient to them;

**WHEREAS** there is an opportunity to further demonstrate Council's commitment to engage the public in the annual process for setting the Operating Budget for the City by providing renewed public information and participation options; and

**WHEREAS** it has been the practice of other municipalities to provide various levels of budget consultation and promotion as part of their respective annual process for Operating Budgets,

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

That staff are requested to report back on a budget consultation plan for the 2024 Budget process, including the use of an online budget tool/survey before summer recess in 2023.

<b>Moved by:</b>	Deputy Mayor/Regional and Local Councillor Chan
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