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## One Week left to take part in town of calmar public satisfaction & budget engagement

**Calmar, AB** – Community members in the Town of Calmar have until October 11, 2024 to complete the municipality’s first-ever Public Satisfaction and Budget Survey.

The survey, which launched on September 9, 2024, has been independently created to provide Town Council and Administration with important insights into resident experiences, perceptions, and opinions around Town-delivered services and programs.

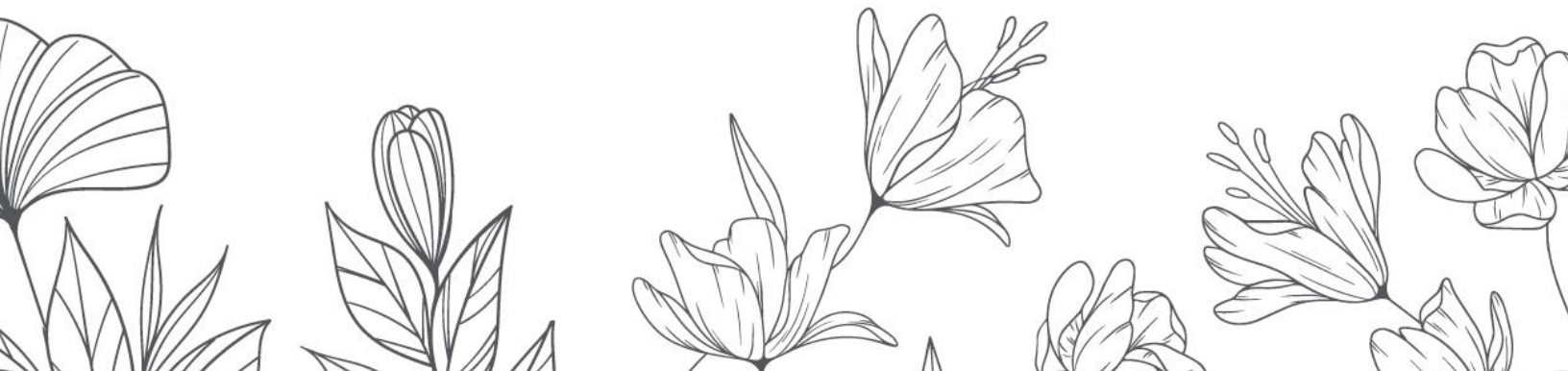
Additionally, participants have been given the opportunity to provide their thoughts on Budget 2025, ensuring that Council can account for local views as part of the budgeting process taking place in November and December.

“We’ve heard from so many residents that they want to be more involved in their community, and from others who have specifically sought to be more invested in, and informed on, their local government,” said Mayor Sean Carnahan. “This Public Satisfaction and Budget Survey provides an opportunity for residents to do both.”

Municipal government impacts residents’ day-to-day lives more than provincial and federal politics, and provides services that the community actively engages on an ongoing basis. Recognizing this, Council included in its 2020-2024 Strategic Plan a goal of increased resident engagement, and incorporation of community insights into the local decision-making process.

As such, the Town is looking at everything to what services and programs residents are accessing; their satisfaction levels in interacting with those services; where they would like to see changes made moving forward; elements they would like to see through next year’s budget; how they would like to be communicated with by the Town; and more.

The survey focuses on numerous areas within the scope of local government, recognizing that it is the order of government closest to the community, and which impacts them most notably on a day-to-day basis. Survey results are anonymous, and will be analyzed in an objective manner, with results included in a publicly available report.



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The goal of executing a survey of this nature is to incorporate residents' opinions into future decision-making efforts at the operational level by Town Administration, and to provide Council with important community insights ahead of Budget 2025 deliberations.

"We're encouraged by the early uptake in residents wanting to be involved in local government processes," said Sylvain Losier, Calmar's Chief Administrative Officer. "It's important to us that we're community-centric in our efforts to serve our public, and these types of engagement efforts make a big difference in making sure that our service delivery is resident-focused. So, we do encourage all residents to get involved and complete this survey."

Residents can take part in the survey online at [www.calmar.ca](http://www.calmar.ca), or by picking up the survey in hard copy at Town Hall. The survey will remain open until October 11, 2024, with the final report expected to be presented to Council on October 21, 2024.

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