






Subject: **Ratepayer Evenings**
Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Prepared By: Christine Anderson, Communications Officer
Presented By: Christine Anderson, Communications Officer

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council approves to host Ratepayer Evenings in _____ and _____ in 2024.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Public Consultation Policy & Plan

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Kneehill County annually hosts public engagement with residents through Ratepayer Evenings.

The events provide a family-friendly opportunity for residents and ratepayers to come and engage with Council and staff, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Facilitation is like a trade fair—each department has its booth with department-specific information. A catered supper, kids' activities, and prize draws will also be provided.

New for 2024: A printed take-home document including year-in-review stats, did you knows, etc.

The Ratepayer Night Feedback Survey will help gauge the event's success and determine potential improvements for future events.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The events have been held in different locations throughout the County since they began in 2019.

2019- Trochu and Acme

2022- Torrington and Carbon

2023- Swalwell and Wimborne

New location options for 2024 (hall with required capacity, kitchen):

- Three Hills
- Sunnyslope

If Council wishes, we can repeat previous locations.

Administration is suggesting hosting the meeting(s) in June of 2024



FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

\$15,000 is budgeted for these events in 2024. (\$7500 each.)

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:	Public Notification	Other:	
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ATTACHMENTS:**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Council approves to host two Ratepayer Evenings in 2023
2. Council approves to host one Ratepayer Evening in 2023
3. Council directs administration to bring back more options for ratepayer engagement.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will set event dates based on availability and begin advertising/preparing for them

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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