




Subject: **Ratepayer Evenings 2025**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

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## 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 own booth with department-specific information. A catered supper, kids' activities, and prize draws will also be provided.

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

2024- Three Hills and Sunnyslope

New location options for 2025: (hall with required capacity, kitchen):

- Huxley Hall/Curling Rink
- Drumheller- Badlands Community Facility

If Council wishes, we can repeat previous locations. Administration is recommending holding the events in June of 2025.



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

\$15,000 is budgeted for these events in 2025. (\$7500 each.)

This includes catering, rental, door prizes, printing, and branded items to give away.

**RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:**

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:

Public Notification

Other:

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Council approves hosting two Ratepayer Evenings in 2025
2. Council approves hosting one Ratepayer Evening in 2025
3. Council directs administration to bring back more options for ratepayer engagement.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That Council approves hosting Ratepayer Evenings in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in 2025.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:**

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

**APPROVAL(S):**

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved- ☒

