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North Coast Regional District Budget Consultation on PlaceSpeak

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The North Coast Regional District (NCRD) Board is considering its draft 2018-2022 five-year financial plan, which includes a draft 2018 budget. The *Local Government Act* prescribes that the Board must undertake a process of public consultation regarding the proposed financial plan before it is adopted.

In years prior, public consultation has consisted of feedback heard from residents and stakeholders through traditional means such as attendance at public meetings and feedback solicited through the NCRD website and correspondence. This year, the NCRD aims to increase public participation and feedback into its budgeting process through means of its new online engagement platform, [PlaceSpeak](#).

PlaceSpeak is a citizen-centric online tool that aims to transform the way people interact with local decision-makers by allowing them to meaningfully contribute to critical issues facing the NCRD, such as budget deliberations, simply by logging in from their computer or mobile device.

“The NCRD benefits every time a resident or stakeholder is engaged,” said Chair Barry Pages. “Resident feedback and participation in the NCRD Board’s budgeting process provides great context from varying local perspectives and, ultimately, better informs our decision-making.”

Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to visit www.placespeak.com/NCRDbudget to register for a free PlaceSpeak account and provide their feedback and input into the proposed draft 2018 budget. Further information on the budgeting process and resource materials may also be found online.

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