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Good morning,

On behalf of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, I am writing to provide an important update with respect to the Committee's annual budget consultation.

As you may know, the Committee invites British Columbians to share their priorities and ideas for the next provincial budget during a public consultation. The *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* requires the Minister of Finance to release a budget consultation paper, which is referred to the Committee, by September 15, and for the Committee to report on the results of the consultation with recommendations by November 15.

While this consultation has typically taken place in the fall, last year, the Committee held the consultation in the summer. **Following a review of this change, the Committee will again be holding the budget consultation in the summer. Accordingly, the Minister of Finance is expected to release the budget consultation paper no later than June 1, with the consultation taking place during the month of June. The Committee is expected to issue its report by early August.**

As in previous years, the Committee will be visiting communities across the province to meet with British Columbians, as well as providing opportunities to make written, audio and video submissions and complete an online survey. **Further details about the consultation, including the public hearing schedule, registration and participation options, will be released later this spring.**

Would you kindly share this update with your networks?

For further information on the budget consultation and the work of the Committee generally, please visit the Committee's website, [www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/finance](http://www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/finance), or contact the Parliamentary Committee's Office at 250-356-2933 (or toll-free in BC 1-877-428-8337).

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