

Q 20. What has the Town been doing to keep the public informed about this project?

- An Open House was held in November 2016 to show the public preliminary concept plans for the project. The developer, representatives from Campus Alberta Central, Ponoka Jubilee Library staff, and Town of Ponoka staff and Council members were in attendance to answer questions.
- Several news releases have been issued since April 2016 when the Ponoka Civic Building (previously referred to as the Community Learning Centre) was first identified as a potential development proposal for the old hospital site. Regular updates on the project have been provided in each news release and posted to the Town website.
- A public hearing on Land Use Bylaw amendments to facilitate the proposed development on the old hospital site was held on June 13, 2017. Notice of the public hearing and proposed Land Use Bylaw amendments was mailed out to adjacent land owners, and an advertisement of the public hearing was published in the local Ponoka newspaper for two weeks (on May 31 and June 7, 2017). The public hearing was also promoted through the Town's social media pages, the Town website and a news release to local media outlets.
- Multiple Coffee with Council events have been hosted to provide an opportunity for residents to ask Council members questions about the Ponoka Civic Building and other Town initiatives.
- All Ponoka Town Council meetings begin with a Public Forum providing members of the public an opportunity to provide input and raise questions and concerns for Council consideration. Town Council meeting dates are advertised on the Town website and the Hometown Weekly page of the local newspaper. Town Council meetings are held on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Building.
- A formal grand opening of the Ponoka Civic Building is being planned for Spring 2019, providing citizens with another opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the building.