

**Q 23. 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 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 and social media.
- 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.
- Coffee with Council events were hosted at the Ponoka Trade Fair and a local coffee shop in May and June 2017 to provide an opportunity for residents to ask Council members questions about the Community Learning Centre project 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 at the Kinsmen Community Centre in Ponoka.
- The Town will continue to keep the public informed about the Community Learning Centre project through its website, social media pages, the Hometown Weekly News page in the local newspaper, and other communication tools, as needed, such as ongoing updates to this FAQ.