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City looks to improve community services

The City of Albany is calling for input into ways it can improve some of the vital services it provides to the community.

An overarching strategy designed to guide the direction of the City's Community Development Team is currently under review, and the City needs input from those affected.

The team is responsible for activities aimed at residents including seniors, people with disabilities, youth, the City's rural communities, and various other community groups.

The Community Development Strategy sets the direction for the team and uses input from the community to inform the activities and projects that the team embarks on.

Past projects and initiatives have included increasing disability access and inclusion, Stay On Your Feet Week events, Sk8 competitions, crime prevention and community safety initiatives, skills workshops; and distribution of community funding for eligible community groups.

The current strategy will be updated based on community input. A final draft of the updated strategy will be prepared mid-2014 for consideration by Council.

"We want people in Albany to be healthy, stay connected and contribute meaningfully to where they live," Community Services Executive Director Cameron Woods said.

"This is your opportunity to have a say in the activities, projects and services our team embarks on."

In the coming months staff will run focus groups and meet with residents, community groups and stakeholders to hear ideas and gain input into this review.

Additionally, staff will be at Albany Farmers Market on February 22, and March 22 and 29.

Another way for stakeholders to provide feedback is via a brief survey which is accessible from the City's homepage or at www.surveymonkey.com/s/253LQ6Q.

Hard copy surveys are also available from Albany Public Library.

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