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BIR02-2019	June 25/18	Councillor Hughes	What would be an estimated cost to pave a current outdoor skating rink with drainage?	CPS	Y
BIR03-2019	Sept 4/18	Councillor Hughes	Can Administration provide a suggested further division of and more reasonable costs for variance for simple properties that are smaller in size, such as a shed, compared to larger more substantial new builds or other measures?	CS IDS	Y
BIR04-2019	Oct 18/18	Councillor Hansen	What would the financial and operational impact be to Servus Place to set up a time slot (say eg. 9-11) three times per week for seniors to walk the track for free?	CPS	Y
BIR05-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	Does the City offer arts/culture courses, like what FAVA does? Do Arts & Heritage or the arts guilds offer programming related to the Amplify program focus? Are there opportunities to combine the Children's and Youth festivals? Does the Games Legacy Grant provide funding for youth arts education/opportunities? I know the St. Albert Art Gallery collaborates with high schools every year to produce an exhibit, the museum has their photography competition exhibit and Children's Theatre has productions - Anything else supported by COSA? (Re: CPS-002)	CPS	Y

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BIR06-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	Please confirm that none of the \$1.6M in funding for the Rental Assistance Program between 2008 and 2018 came from COSA/What was the funding source? (Re: CPS-001 Income Supplement for Residents in Need)	CPS	Y
BIR07-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	Please confirm funding source of the Crisis Fund in past years. (Re: CPS-001 Income Supplement for Residents in Need)	CPS	Y
BIR08-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	Has Municipal Enforcement staffing kept pace with growth over the last 5-10 years?	CPS	Y
BIR09-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	When was the funding for the Community Capital Grant Program last increased? By how much do requests typically exceed funding?	CPS	Y
BIR10-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	What are the differences between FIRE-029 (new) and the Wildland Urban Interface Fire Fighting Vehicle that wasn't funded last year?	CPS	Y
BIR11-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	Will Phase 1 of Poli-006 (New) consider co-locating at the new Firehall 1 or 4? Were renovations/expansion of Maloney PI ruled out in past studies?	CPS	Y

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BIR12-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	When will expressions of interest for a recreation facility be presented to Council? If Council is favourable to one of the options, could the cost associated with RECR-065 be reduced?	CPS	Y
BIR13-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	Are we implementing policies at facilities that would encourage reduced energy use? Which facility would be the pilot facility for CSS-007?	IDS	Y
BIR14-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	What is happening with carbon offset credits? Are we benefitting from these? (Re: ENV-002, COUN-029)	IDS	Y
BIR15-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	What were the results of the structural engineering studies completed for Fountain and Servus in 2016? (Re: ENV-002, COUN-029)	IDS	Y
BIR16-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	What savings/change in energy consumption has been realized at Fountain Park since the installation of the heat recovery system? If CSS-006 was funded, would it impact the potential for renovations/expansions to the facility?	CPS	Y

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BIR17-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	Do the two frontline St. Albert Fire Services ambulance transport, just like the AHS trucks? What kind of stretchers are they using now and how often are they used? If they were replaced, would they serve as backups? (Re: FIRE-030)	CPS	Y
BIR18-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	What does "significant delays" mean re: FIRE-026? How often are these delays an issue?	CPS	Y
BIR19-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	Have we been in contact with CDÉA or Société touristique Centralta regarding possible grant funding for the French Canadian Farm or Story Boards? (Re: CULTR-009 & 032)	CPS	Y
BIR20-2019	Oct 25/18	Councillor Joly	As a follow up to IR 511.2016: Excluding Bannister satisfaction/cannabis surveys, how much did we spend on surveys in 2018, how many surveys were completed, and what were the results? How many surveys are planned for 2019, for what purpose, and at what cost? (There was a related BIR last year, but I can't find the 2018 BIRs...)	CS	N
BIR21-2019	Oct 29/18	Councillor Hansen	In general, approximately how much funding has the Children's Festival lost in Corporate Sponsorships and grants over the past 3 - 5 years?	CPS	Y

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BIR22-2019	Oct 29/18	Councillor Hansen	How much have costs increased over the past 5 years to run the Children's festival?	CPS	Y
BIR23-2019	Oct 29/18	Councillor Hansen	What has the cost been over the past 3 years to host the Amplify Festival? Are there opportunities for grants? Do the youth fundraise for this event?	CPS	Y
BIR24-2019	Oct 30/18	Councillor Hughes	CPS_2, operating, Amplify Festival - can you provide more details of how much funding currently allocated to the amplify program, and what new initiatives are planned for 2019 with these funds? How many youth attended the 2018 festival, and how much money did the city get from the festival to offset costs - looking for a revenue/cost breakdown. If not fully available for 2018, provide what is available for 2018 and the numbers for 2017.	CPS	Y
BIR25-2019	Oct 30/18	Councillor Hughes	Has the City ever considered a pilot of providing free local transit service for youth and seniors or even for all ages? What would be the expected revenue shortfall if this was done? (Both options - age specific, and all ages)	CPS	Y

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BIR26-2019	Oct 30/18	Councillor Hughes	<p>Recr-063, outdoor ice sheet. Why was the implementation of the outdoor ice sheet not included with the splash pad for Millenium Park? The outdoor ice sheets can be converted to water park pads in the summer.</p> <p>The cost quoted for this seems very high, considering that the company I mentioned when I brought forward the motion - Custom Ice Rinks - quotes less than a million to build, utility installation and backboards included, and have built successful outdoor rinks in Edmonton. Did the City or the consultant contact anyone who can do the cooling WITHOUT using brine or CO2, which are a very expensive ways to accomplish this? (Yes, those companies exist, as listed above.)</p>	CPS	Y
BIR27-2019	Oct 30/18	Councillor Hughes	<p>CSS-006, Heat Recovery System. The Annual Savings of \$27,515 - does this include the Carbon Tax savings listed in the far right column, or is the carbon tax savings additional savings? I am also looking for the payback timing if the carbon tax is removed in 2019.</p> <p>How much would we be expecting to get from a Federal Grant to offset the costs?</p>	CS IDS	N
BIR28-2019	Oct 30/18	Councillor Hughes	CPS-09. How much are the school boards contributing to the cost of the transit feasibility study? What specific questions are we expected to have answered from this?	CPS	Y

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BIR29-2019	Nov 5/18	Mayor Heron	How much would it cost to establish snow routes in the city that would essentially prioritize certain arterials and collectors for faster response to a snow event? This could include seasonal parking bans	IDS	N