

Ombudsman Toronto 2021 Operating Budget Recommendation and 2021-2030 Capital Plan

Date: December 1, 2020
To: Budget Committee
From: Ombudsman
Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report transmits to Budget Committee the Ombudsman's recommendation for Ombudsman Toronto's 2021 Operating Budget and Ombudsman Toronto's 2021-2030 Capital Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ombudsman recommends that:

1. City Council approve the 2021 Ombudsman-Recommended Base Operating Budget for Ombudsman Toronto of \$2.271 million gross and net.
2. City Council approve the 2021 staff complement of 14.0 positions.
3. City Council approve the Ombudsman-Recommended 2021-2030 Capital Plan for Ombudsman Toronto totalling \$0.700 million in project estimates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adopting the recommendations in this report will result in the inclusion of:

1. \$2.271 million gross and net in the City of Toronto's 2021 Approved Operating Budget; and

2. \$0.700 million in the City of Toronto's 2021-2030 10-year Capital Plan, fully funded from debt.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on February 12, 2018, City Council adopted EX31.2 (2e) 2018 Capital and Operating Budgets, approving Ombudsman Toronto's 2018-2027 Capital Budget and Plan with project cost and cash flows of \$0.700 million in 2023.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.EX31.2>

COMMENTS

As required by the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and Chapter 3 of the *Toronto Municipal Code*, the Ombudsman and her office operate independently of City Council and the City administration. Therefore, she submits this report directly to Budget Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council.

References: *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, ss. 170, 171

Toronto Municipal Code, s.3-10

Budget Protocol for Toronto's Accountability Officers

The attached Budget Notes provide Council with information about the Ombudsman's recommended 2021 Operating Budget and 2021-2030 Capital Plan.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Ombudsman Toronto – 2021 Budget Notes