



City Manager's Remarks

Staff Recommended Operating and Capital Budgets

January 28, 2021

What we heard

Residents were encouraged to get involved in the budget process through a deputation, written submission or through their local City Councillor.

Questions and comments have included the following themes:

- Addressing inequities and protecting vulnerable communities
- Protecting essential services and previous commitments
- Climate action
- Housing and mobility
- Financial stability, property tax and police budget

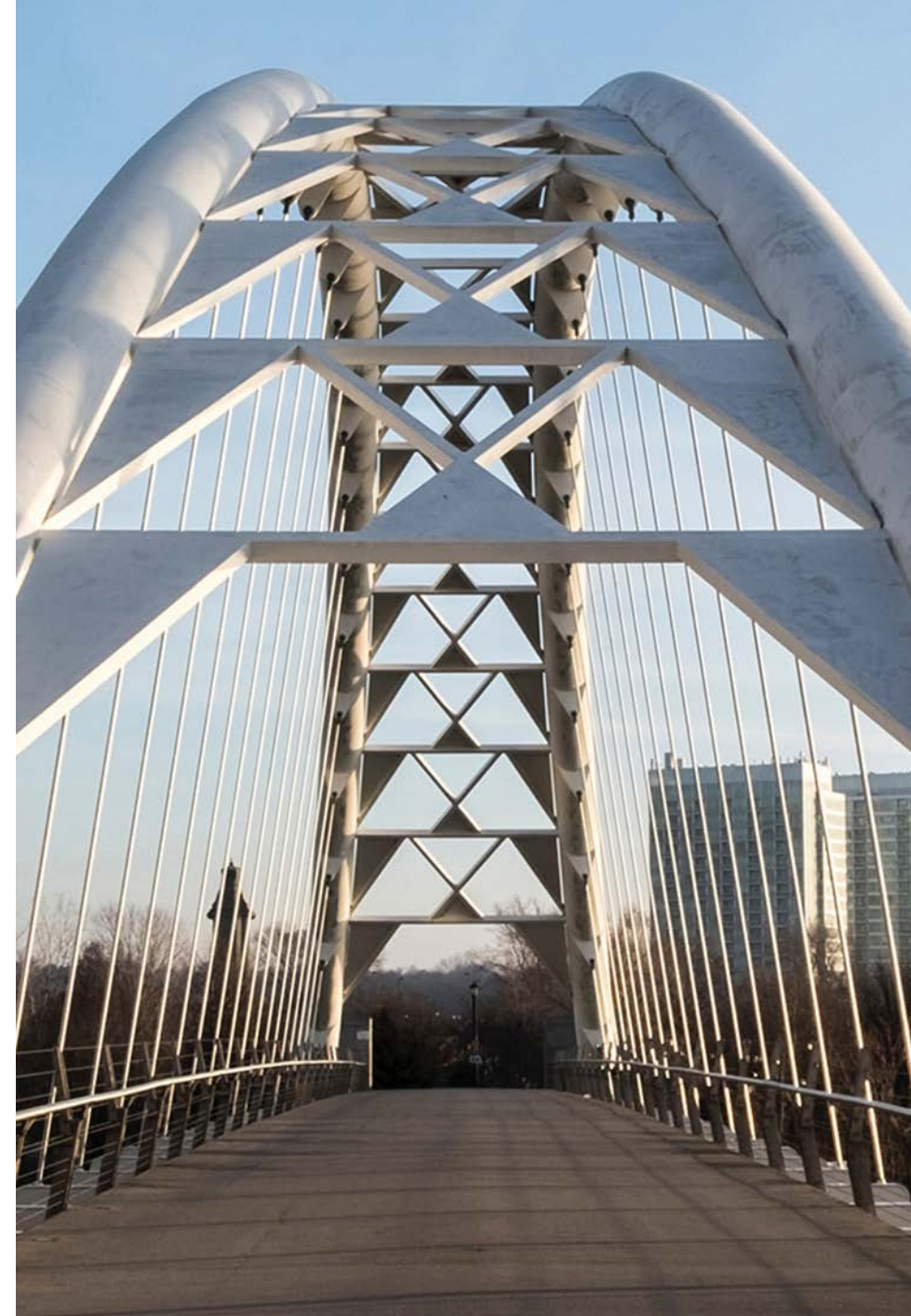
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The budget is about setting goals and building a great city – together.

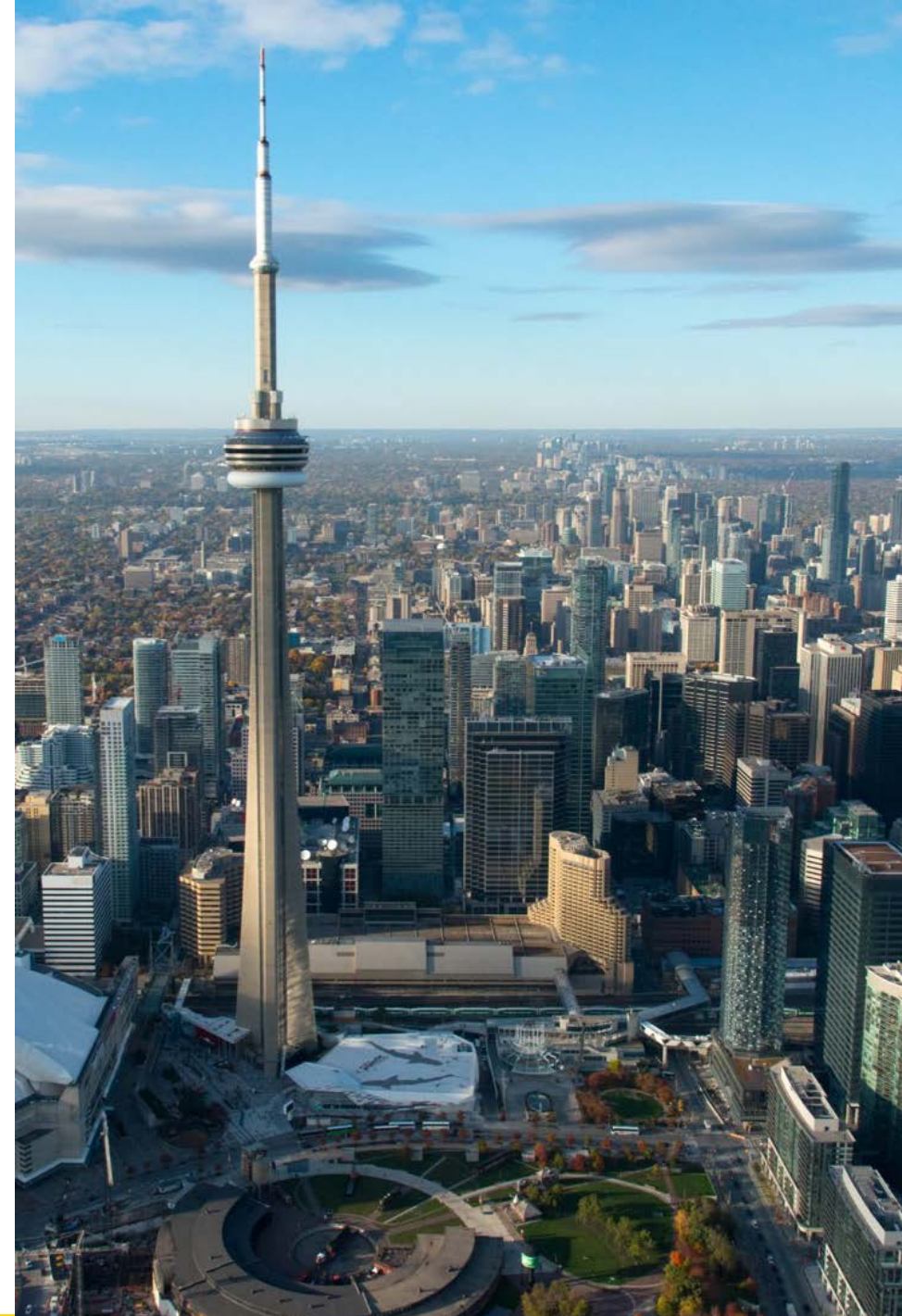
What we've recommended

- Prudent financial actions to close the gap between revenues and expenses and secure our financial future.
- An intergovernmental strategy: working together to align each government to their capacities and responsibilities.
- Responded to emerging issues and priority commitments - police reform and immunization.
- Adjusting existing and creating new services during the pandemic, while in a state of readiness to resume services when permitted.
- Prioritizing prosperity – climate action, health and wellbeing and equity.



What we've done

- Achieved \$573M in savings through efficiencies.
- Continue to work with Federal and Provincial governments to secure additional commitments.
- Established and maintained significant public health and emergency responses.
- Developed a COVID-19 recovery strategy through the Toronto Office of Recovery and Rebuild (TORR).
- Maintained services and adjusted service levels to respond to public health guidelines.
- Redeployed staff, reprioritized programs and changed the way we deliver them.
- Created new programs that will continue into recovery.



Budget Committee requests for information and clarification

- Budget recommendations are made with the best-available information, recognizing that public health guidance, restrictions and timing of the immunization rollout will continue to change.
- Budget information, including briefing notes requested by Committee members, will be posted to toronto.ca/budget.
- The City is working to make budget information more accessible and clear. Public feedback on the budget is encouraged.

