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2013

City of Toronto Other City Programs Legal Services 2013 Recommended Operating Budget

Dec. 5, 2012

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the highest quality of legal services to the Corporation and to function as a strategic resource to Council staff and agencies, boards and commissions.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Respond to the increasing demands for Legal Services

Promote risk management and mitigation strategies









2013 Key Service Objectives

Solicitor

 Effectively provides legal advice and opinions related to issues within City operations and corporate initiatives including contract negotiations and drafting of agreements. Solicitors also provide legal advice to Standing Committees, Community Councils and City Council.

Litigation

 Provides expert legal advice and effectively represents and defends the City of Toronto at all levels of Court and tribunals which includes the Ontario Municipal Board, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission, the Labour Relations Board, the Human Rights Tribunal and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal.



2013 Key Service Objectives cont'd

Prosecution

 Prosecutes violations of provincial statutes and regulatory City bylaws, provides training to City inspectors, and negotiates agreements respecting provincial offences.





Staffing Trend (Excludes Capital Positions)



Key Points:

• With the exception of the 2012 approved budget, the Division has seen an increase in it's staffing complement. This increase is the result of staff support dedicated to Transit Expansion, Court Services and Insurance and Risk Management.



2012 Key Accomplishments

Solicitor Services

- Provided strategic legal advice in the following areas:
- Pam Am Games; Harmonized Zoning By-law and Acquisition of lands required for Transit Expansion
- Toronto Port Authority Master Agreement relating to the pedestrian tunnel
- Supported the Labour Relations Team to secure Collective Agreements
 between the Unions and the City of Toronto

Litigation Services

- Defended the City in litigation matters and Charter challenges:
- Review of the Taxi Industry
- Successfully represented the City's interest in the Pavement Degredation Fee
- Successfully represented the City's interest at the Court of Appeal on Third Party Sign Tax appeal



Prosecution Services

- Implemented Early Resolution under Bill 212 in Provincial Offences Act Courts
- Prosecuted over 20,000 Court Tiers



2012 Budget Variance - as at September 30, 2012

	2010 Actuals	2011 Actuals	2012 Approved Budget	2012 Sept. 30 YTD Actuals	2012 Projected Actuals	2012 Approved Budget vs Projected Actuals	
(In \$000's)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
Gross Expenditure	41,459	43,645	42,166	31,246	42,061	(106)	-0.3%
Revenues	24,596	25,743	22,991	14,179	24,738	1,747	7.6%
Net	16,864	17,902	19,176	17,067	17,322	(1,853)	-9.7%
Approved Positions	280.0	287.0				_	0.0%

Key Points (explanation of variances and impact on 2013):

- The Division predicts a favourable variance primarily attributed to hiring delays, higher than expected staff leaves of absences and revenue from increased workload from insurance claims.
- In addition, the Division continues to find efficiencies and delay, where possible, expenditure requests. All disbursement costs are recovered.



2013 Staff Recommended Operating Budget

2013 Recommended Operating Budget

Category of Expense	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Projected Actual	2013 Recommended Budget	Budget		2014 Outlook	2015 Outlook
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Salaries and Benefits	31,629.7	33,927.2	34,759.9	33,910.6	36,261.9	1,502.0	4.3%	36,834.5	37,382.8
Materials and Supplies	441.7	342.2	336.7	382.2	336.7	0.0	0.0%	336.7	336.7
Equipment	63.4	57.4	24.5	43.4	64.5	40.0	163.2%	64.5	64.5
Services & Rents	2,357.5	1,737.2	1,297.4	1,972.9	1,393.4	96.0	7.4%	1,393.4	1,393.4
Contributions to Capital						0.0	n/a		
Contributions to Reserve/Res Funds	56.0	58.1	58.9	58.9	58.9	0.0	0.0%	58.9	58.9
Other Expenditures	0.2	0.2		0.1		0.0	n/a		
Interdivisional Charges	6,910.7	7,522.7	5,689.0	5,692.5	6,695.6	1,006.6	17.7%	6,695.6	6,695.6
Required Adjustments						0.0	n/a		
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURES	41,459.2	43,645.0	42,166.4	42,060.6	44,810.9	2,644.5	6.3%	45,383.6	45,931.8
Interdivisional Recoveries	19,956.5	20,318.1	17,932.6	20,701.2	20,352.0	2,419.4	13.5%	20,352.0	20,352.0
Provincial Subsidies						0.0	n/a		
Federal Subsidies						0.0	n/a		
Other Subsidies						0.0	n/a		
User Fees & Donations	1,904.8	2,254.8	1,961.5	1,421.6	2,425.4	463.9	23.7%	2,425.4	2,425.4
Transfers from Capital Fund	942.2	683.3	607.7	468.5	606.3	(1.4)	(0.2%)	606.3	606.3
Contribution from Reserve Funds						0.0	n/a		
Contribution from Reserve		88.7	300.0	134.0	300.0	0.0	0.0%	300.0	300.0
Sundry Revenues	1,792.2	2,398.5	2,189.1	2,013.0	2,250.5	61.4	2.8%	2,250.5	2,250.5
Required Adjustments						0.0	n/a		
TOTAL REVENUE	24,595.6	25,743.4	22,990.9	24,738.3	25,934.2	2,943.3	12.8%	25,934.2	25,934.2
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURES	16,863.6	17,901.6	19,175.5	17,322.3	18,876.7	(298.8)	(1.6%)	19,449.4	19,997.7
APPROVED POSITIONS	280.0	287.0	285.0	285.0	294.0	9.0	3.2%	294.0	294.0



Where the Proposed \$44,811M Gross Expenditure Goes











2013 Operating Budget Pressures

	Gross	Net	#	
(\$000's)	Expenditures	Expenditures	Positions	
2012 Approved Budget	42,166.4	19,175.5	285.	
Adjusted Base Increases:				
Annualizations	61.4	0.0		
Operating Impact (New & Enhance)	322.9	217.1	9.0	
Reversal of Non-recurring Items				
Impact of Capital Project Delivery Positions				
Progression Pay/Step Increases	205.0	205.0		
Economic Factors	376.7	376.7		
Zero-based Items				
Other Base Changes:				
Labour Related Costs	(81.5)	(81.5)		
Non-labour Related Costs	60.0	60.0		
Revenue Changes:				
Volume Changes				
Rate Changes	1,700.0	(1076.1)		
2013 Recommended Base Budget	44,811.0	18,876.8	294.0	



User Fee Changes - Highlights

Fee Description	2012 Fee	Recommended 2013 Fee	% Increase	Incremental Revenue (\$000's)
Fees, Service Charges	1,961.50	2,425.40	23.7%	463.9
Total Incremental Revenue				463.9



2014 and 2015 Outlook

		2014 - Incremental Increase				2015 - Incremental Increase				_	
Description	Gross Expense	Revenue	Net Expense	% Net Change from 2013	# Position s	Gross Expense	Revenue	Net Expense	% Net Change from 2014		Total Net % Change from 2013
Known Impacts											
Merit/Step	229.4	0.0	229.4	1.2%		229.4	0.0	229.4	1.2%		2.4%
COLA	411.7	0.0	411.7	2.2%		353.2	0.0	353.2	1.8%		4.0%
Gapping	-66.5	0.0	-66.5	-0.4%		-34.4	0.0	-34.4	-0.2%		-0.5%
Sub-Total Known Impacts	574.6	0.0	574.6	3.0%	0.0	548.3	0.0	548.3	2.8%	0.0	5.9%
Anticipated Impacts											
			0.0					0.0			
			0.0					0.0			
			0.0					0.0			
Sub-Total - Anticipated Additional Impacts	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	
Total Incremental Impacts	574.6	0.0	574.6	3.0%	0.0	548.3	0.0	548.3	2.8%	0.0	5.9%



Key Issues

- The Division faces significant challenges as it strives to meet the increasing demands for services as a result of Council requests, Client needs and responding to changes to legislation.
- The Division has an aging workforce and succession planning will present challenges over the next 2 – 5 years as Directors and Senior Lawyers retire.
- Increased demands for attendance at Ontario Municipal Board and Alcohol and Gaming Commission hearings. The complexity and length of the hearings have increased:
 - > 2011 Committee of Adjustment Appeals 56
 - 2012 Committee of Adjustment Appeals 90
 - > 2011 OPA/Rezoning Matters 203
 - > 2012 OPA/Rezoning Matters 227













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