



# JENNIFER MCKELVIE

City Councillor  
Scarborough-Rouge  
Park  
Ward 25

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Dear Mayor Chow and Budget Committee,

I am writing to share the key priorities that residents in Scarborough Rouge-Park have expressed to me regarding the City of Toronto's 2024 Budget, including at the Budget 2024 Town Hall that I hosted on January 15, in emails to my office, and in deputations made during Budget Presentations at the Scarborough Civic Centre on January 22.

Residents have clearly communicated that the windrow clearing service is essential and cannot be cut. Nearly 20% of residents in Scarborough Rouge-Park are seniors, and many of them depend on windrow clearing during the winter.


Community safety is a significant concern. Toronto Police Services (TPS) response times are averaging 22 minutes, and many residents in my ward want the TPS to receive the full budget the Toronto Police Services Board asked for to ensure that there is an adequate response in the event of an emergency.

Residents expressed that affordability is a key concern, especially for those on a fixed income, and a 10.5% property tax increase is too high.

I also overwhelmingly heard that the Federal Government has a responsibility to fund shelter and supports for refugees in the Toronto shelter system.

I share these priorities and ask that you give the concerns expressed by residents in Scarborough Rouge-Park every consideration as you draft the Mayor's Proposed 2024 Budget.

Sincerely,



Jennifer McKelvie  
Deputy Mayor, City of Toronto  
City Councillor, Scarborough-Rouge Park

