
2025 OPERATING BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Parking Tags Enforcement and Operations

Issue/Background:

This briefing note summarizes the 2025 Operating Budget for all stakeholders in Parking Tags Enforcement and Operations program, including Toronto Police Service Parking Enforcement Unit (TPSPEU), Non-Program Parking Tags Revenue, Revenue Services, Court Services, and Legal Services.

- Parking Tags Enforcement and Operations consists of two main program areas:
 - TPSPEU enforces the City's municipal parking by-laws and community-based parking programs through the issuance of penalty notices (i.e. parking tags), as well as providing Municipal Law Enforcement Officer training and oversight.
 - Parking Tags Revenue is the revenue collected for parking offences and is recorded in the Non-Program Revenue corporate account. The tracking and administration of the Parking Tags Revenue is facilitated by Revenue Services.
- Support services for Parking Tags Enforcement and Operations are provided by the following three programs:
 - Financial Operations and Control - Revenue Services: responsible for processing payments, mailing notices, and overseeing the collection of outstanding penalties, including the plate denial process, and managing programs for habitual offenders and out-of-province offenders to improve overall collection success rates.
 - Court Services – Courts and Tribunal Administration: schedules and supports hearings in respect to disputed parking offences including post-conviction disputes related to pre-August 2017 convictions.
 - Legal Services: manages the dispute review process at Screening Offices.
- The 2025 TPSPEU Budget Notes provides 2025 Budget information for TPSPEU only.
- This briefing note aims to consolidate all associated costs and revenues for Parking Tags Enforcement and Operations program for information purposes.
- The Non-Program Parking Tag Revenue, Revenue Services, Court Services, and Legal Services' 2025 Operating Budgets incorporate corresponding revenue and resources to support Parking Tags Enforcement and Operations program.

- In addition to the programs above, Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) is responsible for the parking enforcement of TPA off-street locations, including surface parking lots and garages. TPA enforcement costs have not been consolidated in the table below, as TPA is not a tax-supported program.

Key Points:

The 2025 Net Operating Budget for the TPSPEU is \$55.365 million, an increase of \$4.024 million or 7.8% compared to the 2024 Net Budget. The ticket issuance is expected to increase by approximately 1.7% or 35,000 tickets in 2025 compared to the 2024 budgeted level.

Gross expenditures presented below reflect an increase of \$4.671 million over the 2024 Operating Budget. This increase is primarily driven by higher salary and benefits costs, as well as an additional \$1.000 million allocated to support the procurement of a new Vehicle Impound Program. Revenue increases by \$0.647 million compared to the 2024 Operating Budget, primarily as a result of revenue generated by the Traffic Direction Program. For details, please refer to the 2025 Budget Notes for TPSPEU.

**Table 1: Toronto Police Service Parking Enforcement Unit (TPSPEU)
(\$000s)**

Type	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Projection*	2025 Budget	Change v. 2024 Budget	
Gross Expenditures	48,940.1	45,820.5	50,035.4	52,839.3	53,424.5	57,509.8	4,670.5	8.8%
Revenue	1,238.2	858.9	1,152.3	1,498.4	2,083.6	2,145.3	646.9	43.2%
Net Expenditures	47,701.9	44,961.6	48,883.1	51,340.9	51,340.9	55,364.5	4,023.6	7.8%
Positions	377.0	338.0	388.0	394.0	376.0	394.0	0.0	
Ticket Issuance	1,479,644	1,821,338	2,256,425	2,020,312	2,020,312	2,055,312	35,000	1.7%

* Year-End Projection Based on Q3 2024 Variance Report

As shown in Table 2, the 2025 Operating Budget for Non-Program Parking Tags Revenue is \$132.167 million net revenue and reflects a \$21.460 million net revenue increase from the 2024 Operating Budget. The increase in 2025 Parking Tags Revenue is primarily driven by the expected increased ticket issuance trends and incremental revenue from an increase in penalty amounts for parking offences as well as other offenses in designated areas with intent to support safer roads and reduce congestion.

**Table 2: Non-Program Parking Tags Revenue
(\$000s)**

Type	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Projection*	2025 Budget	Change v. 2024 Budget	
Gross Expenditures	6,380.8	8,080.9	8,152.8	10,500.6	16,824.5	10,682.5	181.9	1.7%
Revenue	90,224.6	102,636.4	126,089.7	121,207.3	131,948.8	142,849.0	21,641.7	17.9%
Net Expenditures	(83,843.8)	(94,555.5)	(117,936.9)	(110,706.7)	(115,124.4)	(132,166.5)	(21,459.8)	19.4%

* Year-End Projection Based on Q3 2024 Variance Report

Collectively, the 2025 Operating Budget for Support Services is \$14.379 million gross and net and reflects a \$2.745 million increase from the 2024 Operating Budget. The change in the 2025 Support Services' Budget is driven by anticipated increased ticket issuance.

Table 3 below provides additional details of Support Services' budgets that are allocated for support of Parking Tags Enforcement and Operations program.

**Table 3: Support Services
(\$000s)**

Gross Expenditures	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Projection*	2025 Budget	Change v. 2024 Budget	
Revenue Services Processing	4,309.6	4,905.3	5,349.9	5,093.5	5,976.3	5,956.6	863.1	16.9%
Court Services Tribunal Administration	1,198.0	1,281.2	1,236.2	1,659.4	1,400.0	1,844.5	185.1	11.2%
Legal Services**	2,563.2	2,334.7	2,696.1	4,880.4	3,220.0	6,577.4	1,697.0	34.8%
Total Gross Expenditures	8,070.8	8,521.2	9,282.2	11,633.2	10,596.3	14,378.5	2,745.3	23.6%

* Year-End Projection Based on Q3 2024 Variance Report

**2025 Budget for Legal Services includes an increase to accommodate both Red Light Camera (RLC) and Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) penalties dispute related matters in addition to parking tags dispute related matters under the Administrative Penalty System (APS), as these are tracked on a consolidated basis. 2023 Budget reflects only parking tags dispute related matters under APS.

Overall, the total 2025 Operating Budget for Parking Tags Enforcement and Operations program, comprised of TPSPEU, Non-Program Parking Tags Revenue, and Support Services, is \$62.424 million in net revenue, reflecting:

- \$14.691 million increase in net revenue compared to the 2024 Budget driven by expected increased ticket issuance and incremental revenue from an increase in penalty amounts for parking offences.

Table 4 below consolidates all associated City costs and revenues for Parking Tags Enforcement and Operations program.

**Table 4: Consolidated
(\$000s)**

Type	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Projection*	2025 Budget	Change v. 2024 Budget	
Gross Expenditures	63,391.7	62,422.6	67,470.4	74,973.1	80,845.2	82,570.8	7,597.7	10.1%
Revenue	91,462.8	103,495.3	127,242.0	122,705.7	134,032.4	144,994.3	22,288.6	18.2%
Net Expenditures	(28,071.1)	(41,072.7)	(59,771.6)	(47,732.5)	(53,187.2)	(62,423.5)	(14,690.9)	30.8%

While TPSPEU issues parking violation notices for all on-street parking locations, TPA is responsible for issuing parking violation notices only at TPA off-street lots and garages. Currently, TPA provides full enforcement at 241 facilities including automated and non-gated surface parking lots and garages. Annual enforcement cost is approximately \$2.4 million. As TPA is unique among City Agencies in that it fully funds its operations from revenues, TPA enforcement costs have not been consolidated in the table presented above.

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