
2025 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Climate Projects/Proposals Not Included in the 2025 Staff Prepared Capital and Operating Budget

Issue/Background:

On January 17, 2025, the Budget Committee requested that the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry (ECF) Division, prepare a briefing note to identify any additional actions that could be taken to achieve the City's TransformTO net zero target, with a focus on urban forestry, and any actions identified as high priority through the carbon budget prioritization process, but not included as proposals in the 2025 Budget.

Key Points:

- Additional actions that could be taken to achieve the City's TransformTO net zero target, with a focus on urban forestry.
 - Street Tree Maintenance and Replacement Planting: Increase maintenance and replacement planting of street trees in residential areas including stumping, pruning, and planting. Impacts approximately 500 trees. Budget impact would be \$0.9 million per year.
 - Newly Planted Tree Maintenance: Increase pruning and watering for young trees in the first decade after planting improves long term health and resilience. Cost includes watering, pruning, and fertilizing. Impacts approximately 20,000 trees. Budget impact would be \$0.75 million per year.
 - Net New Tree Planting in Low Tree Equity Areas: Provide increased shade and other benefits of trees to neighbourhoods with low tree equity with street and park tree planting. Costs include tree, planting, and watering. Impacts approximately 250 trees. Budget impact would be \$0.15 million per year.
- As presented in [Briefing Note 12 – 2025 Capital/Operating Budget Briefing Note – Carbon Budget](#), 16 Divisions, Agencies, and Corporations (DACs) proposed a total of 112 new/enhanced projects/proposals to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG), of which 54 were screened in for further assessment of their GHG reduction

potential and financials.¹ Of the 54 screened in proposals, 36 were deemed high priority of which

- 34 proposals are included in the 2025 Staff Prepared Capital and Operating Budget;
- 1 proposal was withdrawn as the project was coming to an end and additional funding was no longer needed; and
- 1 proposal needed to be rescope and will be considered in future budgets.

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¹ Proposed actions were screened out if they: (i) were already accounted for in a baseline GHG reduction action; or (ii) had no or trivial potential impact on emission reductions and the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy.