

REPORT FOR ACTION

Ombudsman Toronto – 2026 Operating Budget

Date: December 8, 2025
To: Budget Committee
From: Ombudsman
Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report presents to Budget Committee the proposed 2026 Operating Budget for Ombudsman Toronto.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ombudsman recommends:

1. The 2026 Operating Budget for Ombudsman Toronto of **\$4.254** million gross and net.
2. The 2026 staff complement for Ombudsman Toronto of 24.0 positions comprised of 0.0 capital positions and 24.0 operating positions.
3. The 2027-2035 Capital Plan for Ombudsman Toronto totalling \$0.8 million in project estimates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impacts of adopting the recommendations in this report will be the inclusion of:

1. Ombudsman Toronto's request of **\$4.254** million gross and **\$4.254** million net in the City of Toronto's Proposed 2026 Operating Budget.
2. Ombudsman Toronto's request of \$0.8 million gross in project estimates in the City's 2027-2035 Capital Plan, fully funded from debt.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on February 11, 2025, City Council adopted [Agenda Item - 2025.MPB27.1](#) - the 2025 Operating and Capital Budget, approving Ombudsman Toronto's 2026-2034 Capital Budget plan.

COMMENTS

As provided for by the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and Chapter 3 of the Toronto Municipal Code, Ombudsman Toronto is independent of City Council and City administration. The 2026 budget for Ombudsman Toronto is therefore presented directly to Budget Committee for consideration. (Reference: *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, s. 170(2), s. 171(1); Chapter 3 of the Toronto Municipal Code, ss. 1.2, 1.9; Budget Protocol for Accountability Officers).

The attached 2026 Budget Notes provide members of Council with information about Ombudsman Toronto's proposed 2026 budget.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Ombudsman Toronto – 2026 Budget Notes