

Every time you use a park or recreation centre, get a book from the library, have your garbage or recycling picked up, drink clean water from the tap, ride the TTC or have emergency services rush to your aid when you make a 911 call – you are using a City of Toronto service.

City services touch your life every day. That's why the City's budget is so important. More than just deciding what gets taxed and by how much, the budget is Council's financial plan for Toronto's municipal government.

City Council, through the budget process, directs staff on how to fund its priorities for the year. The budget is aligned with the Council's priorities and determines the level of service provided to Toronto residents. It also identifies what infrastructure – roads, buildings and public transit – the City can afford to build, buy or repair.

Be informed

The first step is to be well informed. You can learn about the budget process on our website at toronto.ca/budget2018 and in our Budget Basics brochure called, "Understanding the Toronto City Budget."

The preliminary tax supported operating and capital budgets will be presented at the Budget Committee meeting on Thursday, November 30. At the meeting, the City Manager, the Acting Chief Financial Officer, and the Executive Director of Financial Planning will present the preliminary operating and capital budgets to Budget Committee members and the public.

After the November 30 Budget Committee Meeting you can view the proposed 2018 budget for each City program and agency at toronto.ca/budget2018.

Be engaged

You can follow the development of the budget as it is reviewed, debated, modified and approved by the Budget Committee, Executive Committee and City Council. Staff will present at Committee and Council meetings. After staff present the budget, councillors will ask questions, move motions and vote on the budget. Details on when and where meetings will be held are available at toronto.ca/council.

You can attend a committee meeting or council session in person, or watch it live on youtube.com/c/TorontoCityCouncilLive

Timelines for the 2018 Budget

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Budget Launch

November 30

Briefings and Program Reviews

December 12, 14, 15 & 18

Subcommittee Meetings

(Public Presentations)

January 8, 9 & 10

Budget Committee Wrap Up

(Motions Placed)

January 12

Budget Committee Final Wrap Up

(Motions and Voting)

January 23

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Consideration at Committee

February 6

CITY COUNCIL

Consideration at Council

(Motions and Voting)

February 12 & 13

Notice: If you write or make a presentation to the Budget Committee, the City will collect and use your personal information in accordance with applicable laws. We also videotape meetings and make recordings publicly available on request. More information about the collection and use of your personal information is available at: <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/privacy.htm>.

Be heard

There are several ways to share your views on the budget. You can:

1. Make a public presentation at one of the Budget subcommittee meetings.

Etobicoke Civic Centre, Council Chamber

399 The West Mall

January 8, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Scarborough Civic Centre, Council Chamber

150 Borough Dr.

January 8, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

North York Civic Centre, Council Chamber

5100 Yonge St.

January 9, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

York Civic Centre, Council Chamber

2700 Eglinton Ave. W.

January 9, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

East York Civic Centre, Council Chamber

850 Coxwell Ave.

January 10, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

City Hall, Committee Room 1

100 Queen St. W.

January 10, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Individuals may only make one presentation at any of the budget subcommittee meetings.

To register to speak, call 416-392-4666 or email buc@toronto.ca. To find out more on how you can participate, visit toronto.ca/council.

2. Can't attend in person? Submit a written deputation to the Budget Committee by email to buc@toronto.ca, fax 416-392-1879 or mail to Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St. W., 10th floor, West Tower, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2.
3. Send a letter or email to your local City Councillor. For information on how to contact your City Councillor, call 311 or visit toronto.ca/council.