

Toronto **2017** **BUDGET**

How to Get Involved in the Budget

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, directs staff on how to fund its priorities for the year. The budget is aligned with the City's strategic plan 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/budget2017 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 Tuesday, December 6. At the meeting, the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager & 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 launch of the budget, you will be able to find a copy of the presentations, along with supporting documents such as program service summaries and budget notes for each City program and agency at toronto.ca/budget2017.

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. During this process, 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

