

Toronto **2016** **BUDGET**

How to Get Involved in the Budget Process

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, 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 – we 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/budget2016 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 15. At the meeting, the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager and 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/budget2016.

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.

Timelines for the 2016 Budget

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Budget Launch

December 15

Briefings and Program Reviews

January 5, 6, 8 & 11

Public Presentations

(Deputations)

January 12, 13 & 14

Budget Committee Wrap Up

(Motions Placed)

January 18

Budget Committee Final Wrap Up

(Motions and Voting)

January 26

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Presentation to Committee

February 9

CITY COUNCIL

Presentation to Council

(Motions and Voting)

February 17 & 18

Toronto City Council will review and approve the final 2016 tax supported operating budget and the 2016-2025 capital budget and plan at its meeting on February 17 & 18.

User Fee Town Hall

Learn more about proposed increases to user fees.

City Hall, Committee Room 2

100 Queen St. W.

January 11, 6 p.m.

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.

City Hall, Committee Room 1

100 Queen St. W.

January 12, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Etobicoke Civic Centre, Council Chamber

399 The West Mall

January 12, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Scarborough Civic Centre, Council Chamber

150 Borough Dr.

January 13, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

North York Civic Centre, Council Chamber

5100 Yonge St.

January 13, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

East York Civic Centre

850 Coxwell Ave.

January 14, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

York Civic Centre

2700 Eglinton Ave. W.

January 14, 3 p.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.