

Council Services Committee

Joint Presentation for Items
7.1 and 7.2

Edmonton

Previous Committee Actions

At the December 12, 2025, Council Services Committee these motions were passed and reports were provided for the following:

1. That Administration review the ongoing Common and Ward budgets for the Offices of the Mayor and Councillors to develop an unfunded service package
2. That Administration gather input from Council members regarding potential Councillor office upgrades and engage with Property Management to identify possible funding sources, including a carry forward of the unused 2025 budget

Councillors' Budget and Expenses Policy

Budgets are intended to provide funding for Councillors to:

- Administer their offices
- Represent the City at meetings, functions or events
- Communicate with their constituents about the business and services of the City and its agencies

Overview of Ward and Common Budgets

Common Budget

The Common budget funds centralized support and resources for the Office of the Councillors intended to optimize economies of scale and labour costs.

Ward Budget

Equal annual budgets for personnel and discretionary allowable expenses.

Councillors' Budget and Expenses Policy History

This policy has been updated five times since it was initially approved by City Council on May 14, 2019.

Offices of the Mayor and Councillors budgets - adjustments since 2014:

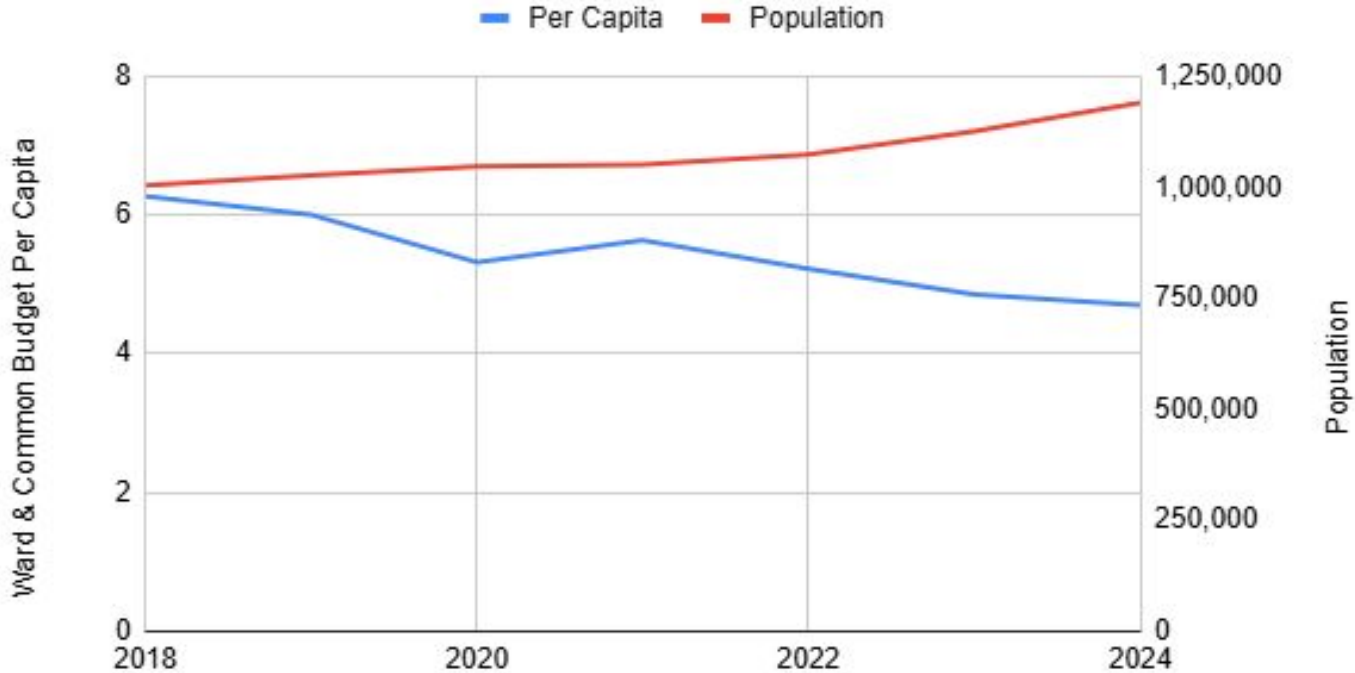
- April 2020 - Offices of the Mayor and Councillors had a one-time decrease to help offset negative financial impacts of the pandemic.
- April 2018 - An increase to staff costs to and indexing to any negotiated salary increase. (as required)
- December - 2013 - Council directed an additional 0.4 FTE be added to allow for 2 FTE per ward

Ward Budget Jurisdictional Scan

Municipality	2025 Statistics Canada Population Estimate	Annual Ward Budget	# of municipal Councillors	Average Population per Councillor	Ward Budget per person
Edmonton	1,238,295	\$209,169.00	12	103,191	\$2.03
Toronto	3,271,830	\$686,043.26	25	130,873	\$5.24
Calgary	1,612,834	\$373,697.00	14	115,202	\$3.24
Ottawa	1,188,114	\$367,698.00	24	49,505	\$7.43
Winnipeg	850,260	\$166,842.00	15	56,684	\$2.94

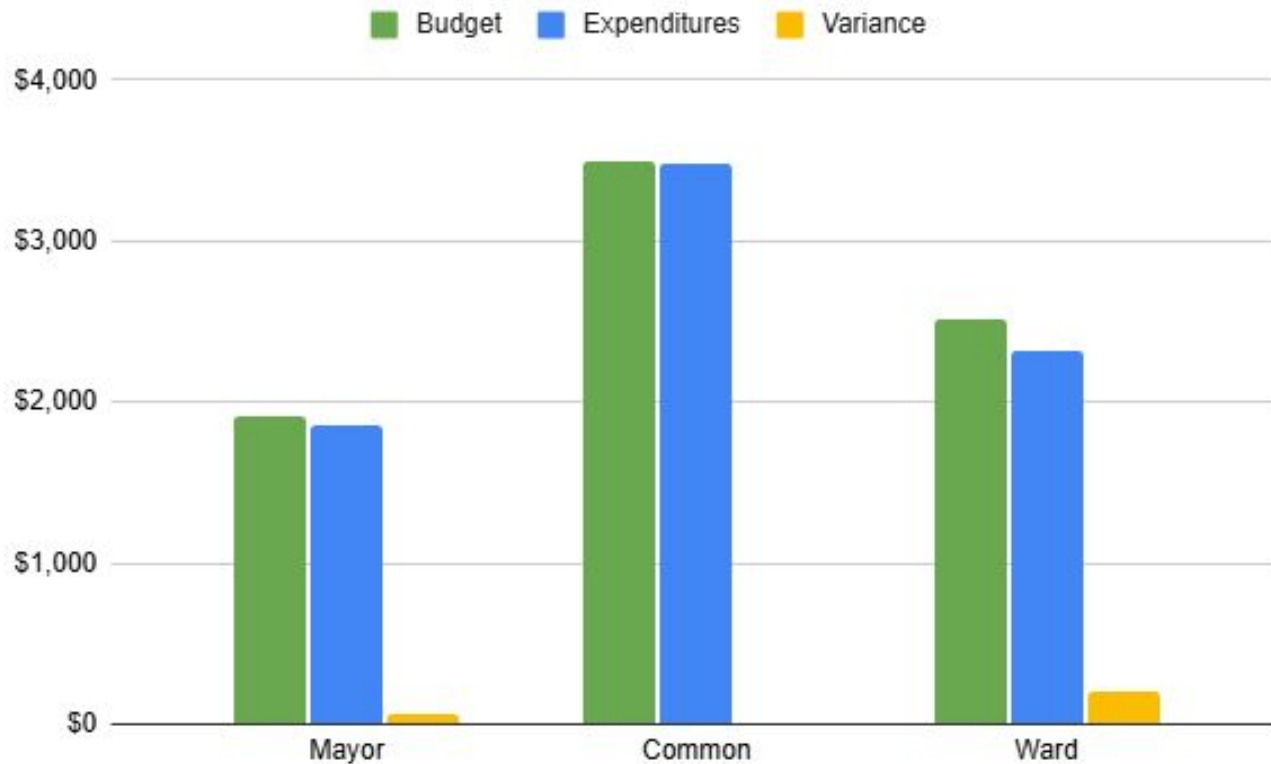
Context

Ward & Common Budget Per Capita (Inflation Adjusted, 2025 Dollars)



Mayor and Councillor Offices

2025 Preliminary Year-End Results (\$ Thousands)



Next Steps

- Administration has consolidated the input and analysis into a series of recommendations for Committee's consideration.
- Attachment 1 contains the draft recommendations and Administration recommends discussing these in private subject to section 29 (advice from officials)
- If Committee wishes to advance any of the recommendations, a motion would be required to bring forward an unfunded service package as part of the fall budget deliberations.

Thank you

Office of the City Clerk

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