

2013 Operating Budget

City Council Discussions

Recommendation:

The 2013 Operating Budget presented to City Council on November 14, 2012, be approved as follows:

1. Total tax-supported operations with revenues of \$1,962,616,000 and expenditures of \$1,962,616,000.
Tax-supported operations revenue of \$1,962,616,000 includes:
 - revenue based on a total property and payment-in-lieu tax levy estimated to be \$1,103,924,000 (4% increase for services and 1.5% for Neighbourhood Renewal)
 - estimated non-tax revenue of \$858,692,000.
2. The Municipal Enterprises operating budgets includes:
 - a) Drainage Design and Construction with revenues of \$113,804,000 and expenditures of \$113,305,000.
 - b) Fleet Services with revenues of \$185,931,000 and expenditures of \$185,931,000.
 - c) Land Enterprise with revenues of \$40,968,000 and expenditures of \$36,069,000.
3. Non-cash 2012 budget adjustments for amortization of \$325,417,000 and contributed assets of \$78,982,000.

Report Summary

This report recommends the proposed 2013 Operating Budget for Tax-supported Operations and Municipal Enterprises.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the June 20, 2012, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

1. That the proposed 2013 Operating Budget be developed following the Budget Principles outlined in Attachment 2 of the June 20, 2012, Financial Services and Utilities report 2012CR6068.
2. That the proposed 2013 Operating Budget be prepared based on:
 - a. 5.5% tax increase inclusive of 1.5% for the Neighbourhood Renewal Program.

Report

At the November 14, 2012, City Council meeting, City Council received a presentation on the 2013 Operating Budget – City Council Discussions.

The proposed 2013 Operating Budget for Tax-Supported Operation (Civic Programs, Board and Commissions), Municipal Enterprises and the Edmonton Police Service 2013 Proposed Operating Budgets are being presented to City Council on November 14, 2012.

Corporate Outcomes

This report concentrated on the corporate goal of ensuring Edmonton's financial sustainability by contributing to the following corporate outcomes:

- The City has well managed and sustainable assets and services.
- The City has a resilient financial position.
- The City has balanced revenue streams that are sustainable.

Public Consultation

Administration conducted an online survey to gather public input on services and City goals from June 8-18, 2012.

A non-statutory public hearing will be held on November 26, 2012.

Budget/Financial Implications

If approved by City Council, the Proposed 2013 Operating Budget would result in a 4% tax increase for services and 1.5% for Neighbourhood Renewal.

The non-cash adjustments do not impact the tax levy requirement.

Justification of Recommendation

1. Approval of the 2013 Proposed Operating Budget for Tax-supported Operations will enable Administration to bring forward the 2013 Property Tax Bylaw that will generate the tax-supported revenue required to support operations, as outlined in the budget document.
2. Approval of the 2013 Proposed Operating Budget for Municipal Enterprises will enable Administration to deliver services as outlined in the budget document.
3. The non-cash budget adjustment for amortization and contributed assets are required to meet legislative reporting requirements.

Attachments

1. 2013 Operating Budget for City Council Discussions
 - To be released online at www.edmonton.ca/2013Budget
 - To be released in paper copy at the November 14, 2012, City Council meeting