

2012 Operating Budget

City Council Discussions

Recommendation:

That the 2012 Operating Budget presented to City Council on November 9, 2011, be approved as follows:

1. Total tax-supported operations with revenues of \$1,864,873,000 and expenditures of \$1,864,873,000.
2. Tax-supported operations revenue of \$1,864,873,000 includes revenue based on a total property and payment-in-lieu tax levy estimated to be \$1,011,249,000 (3% increase for services and 1.5% for Neighbourhood Renewal) and the estimated non-tax revenue of \$853,624,000.
3. The tax-supported total operating budget includes:
 - a) Drainage Design and Construction with estimated revenues of \$110,659,000 and estimated expenditures of \$109,370,000.
 - b) Fleet Services with estimated revenues of \$172,510,000 and estimated expenditures of \$172,510,000.
 - c) Land Enterprise with estimated revenues of \$43,224,000 and estimated expenditures of \$29,457,000.
4. Non-cash 2012 budget adjustments for amortization of \$326,707,000 and contributed assets of \$204,200,000.

Report Summary

This report recommends the proposed 2012 Operating Budget for Tax-supported Operations and Municipal Enterprises.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the June 22, 2011, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

That Administration prepare the draft 2012 Operating Budget on the basis of a 3% tax rate increase for Civic Programs, Boards and Commissions and a 1.5% tax rate increase for Neighbourhood Renewal.

Report

At the November 9, 2011, City Council meeting, City Council received a presentation on the 2012 Operating Budget – City Council Discussions.

The proposed 2012 Operating Budget for Tax-supported Operations (Civic Programs, Boards and Commissions), Municipal Enterprises and the Edmonton Police Service 2012 Proposed Operating Budget are being presented to City Council on November 9, 2011. The recommended motion is based on these proposed budgets.

Corporate Outcomes

This report concentrates 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 held public consultation meetings and conducted online survey to gather public input on services and City goals from September 26 – October 31, 2011.

Please bring your copy of Attachment 1, which was previously distributed with the November 9, 2011, City Council Agenda (item 6.2) and retain for future meetings

A non-statutory public hearing will be held on November 23, 2011.

Budget/Financial Implications

If approved by City Council, the Proposed 2011 Operating Budget would result in 3% 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 2012 proposed Operating Budget for Tax-supported Operations will enable Administration to bring forward the 2012 Property Tax Bylaw that will generate the tax-supported revenue required to support the operations as outlined in the budget document.
2. Approval of the 2012 proposed Operating Budget for Municipal Enterprises will enable Administration to deliver services as outlined in the budget document.
3. The non-cash budget adjustments for amortization and contributed assets are required to meet legislative reporting requirements.

Attachments

1. 2012 Operating Budget for City Council Discussions
(To be released at the November 9, 2011, City Council meeting)