



# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	January 19, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	2018 Budget Overview (FCS18009) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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## Council Direction:

N/A

## Information:

At its meeting on August 14, 2017, the General Issues Committee (GIC) approved the 2018 Budget Guidelines, Preliminary Outlook and Process (Report FCS17063). The 2018 Budget Overview (Report FCS18009) provides an updated overview of the 2018 Budget Process and Schedule. Preliminary budget information will be provided to GIC in a staff presentation.

The 2018 Budget Process incorporates the following components:

- Tax Capital and Rate Budget

The City of Hamilton's multi-year Capital Budget supports the City's planned investment in capital infrastructure and capital assets. The Tax Supported Capital Budget Available Funding represents a portion of the financing required to support the City's existing capital infrastructure repair and replacement requirements based on industry standards and Council priorities.

The 2018 Tax Supported Capital Budget (Report FCS17099) was approved by Council on December 8, 2017.

The City of Hamilton's Rate Supported Operating Budget provides the cost and ongoing financial obligations to deliver water, wastewater and stormwater programs and services to ratepayers. The City of Hamilton's Rate Supported Capital Budget supports the City's investment in capital infrastructure and capital assets. The cost for water, wastewater and stormwater programs are fully funded from user fees and, therefore, do not affect municipal property taxes.

The 2018 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (Report FCS17081) was approved by Council on December 8, 2017.

- Tax Supported Operating Budget

The City of Hamilton's Tax Supported Operating Budget provides the costs and ongoing financial obligations to deliver programs and services to taxpayers.

The 2018 Tax Supported Preliminary Operating Budget (Report FCS18009) is submitted for Council's information with the overview to be presented at GIC on January 19, 2018. Included is the budget document, listed as Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" to this Report on the GIC agenda. Binder copies have been distributed to members of Council.

- Tax Supported User Fees

The City of Hamilton's User Fees represent charges to individual users of specific municipal services and are an integral part of the annual budget process. Revenue estimates for the current budget year are based on the fees contained in the Tax Supported User Fee Report (Report FCS17092) and other user fee reports are included in the Tax Supported Operating Budget.

The 2018 Tax Supported User Fees (Report FCS17092) was approved by Council on November 22, 2017.

The schedule for the meetings for the General Issues Committee is summarized in the following Table:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Tax Supported Operating Budget Overview	January 19, 2018
Boards and Agencies Presentation	January 23 and 25, 2018
Departmental Budget Presentations	January 30 / February 1,9,13,16, (2018)
Public Delegations	February 27, 2018
GIC Budget Deliberations	March 2,5,6,8 (2018)
Council Budget Approval	March 28, 2018

**Appendices and Schedules Attached**

Appendix “A” – 2018 Preliminary Tax Supported Operating Budget Report

Appendix “B” – 2018 – 2021 Business Plans

(Due to the bulk size of Appendices “A” and “B”, they are not included as part of this Report but are available for viewing in the City Clerk’s Office and on-line at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca))

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