Budget 2019

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Farmers’ Market Budget 2019 Submission

• A frugal and business-as-usual budget, similar to Budget 2018

• Levy increase of $ 1700 is within 2019 guideline increase of 1.5%
  (Levy in Budget 2018 was $ 111,100. It is $ 112,800 in Budget 2019 submission)

• Expenses totalling $ 821,480 is a saving of $ 8 K from Budget 2018
  • Staffing remains largest expense at $ 323 K (reduction of 3% from Budget 2018)
  • Common utilities: $ 121 K to be spent on water & sewer, hydro, Central Utilities operations
  • Facilities maintenance by City charged to market account: $ 104 K (up 6% from Budget 2018)
  • Customer parking: $ 70 K reimbursement of customer parking at City’s York Parkade
  • Marketing: $ 55 K on advertising and activities is the same level as in Budget 2018

• Own-source revenue of $ 708,680 is a reduction of $ 9 K over Budget 2018
  • Monthly stall rentals is the largest source of revenue at $ 526 K (up 2% from Budget 2018)
  • Sponsorship: $ 125 K from another year of Meridian Credit Union Sponsorship

• $ 3 K contribution to Market reserve fund for future hydro meter recalibration
Multi-year Scenarios for Planning Purposes

• Hamilton Farmers’ Market internally projects revenues and expenditures for an additional three years to consider scenarios of growth and constraints

• 3-year forecast has expenses and revenue growing under business-as-usual assumptions to fit within a 1.5% annual growth of levy, as long as:

  • city departments do not pass on cost increases of more than 2% annually

    (compare this to 5.5% inflation of facilities recovery costs in 2019)
    (compare this to 27% inflation of CUP Operations costs in 2019)

  • Meridian sponsorship is renewed at the end of its 5-year term, or another comparable sponsorship is secured to sustain the same level of revenue
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