



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	January 14, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2022 Budget Overview (FCS22002) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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INFORMATION

At the General Issues Committee (GIC) meeting on October 6, 2021, Council approved the 2022 Budget Guidelines, Outlook and Process (Report FCS21057(a)). The 2022 Budget Overview (Report FCS22002) provides a summary of the 2022 Budget Process and Schedule. Preliminary budget information will be provided to GIC in a staff presentation.

The 2022 Budget Process incorporates the following components:

A. Tax Supported Capital 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 Financing Plan supports the ongoing capital financing required to maintain the City's capital infrastructure in a state-of-good-repair, support growth and economic development and term of Council priorities.

The 2022 Tax Supported Capital Budget (Report FCS21096) was approved by Council on December 15, 2021.

B. Rate Supported Budget

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 almost entirely funded from user fees and, therefore, do not principally affect municipal property taxes.

The 2022 Recommended Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Budget (Report FCS20073) was approved by Council on November 24, 2021.

C. 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 2022 Budget Overview (Report FCS22002) is submitted for Council's consideration with the overview to be presented at GIC on January 14, 2022. This includes a preliminary budget book in the form of Appendix "A", 2022 Preliminary Tax Supported Operating Budget Report, which was released to Council and the public on December 20, 2021.

Included in the City's Tax Supported Operating Budget are budget requests for City and external Boards and Agencies. In preparation of the 2022 Preliminary Tax Supported Operating Budget Report, budget requests were included for amounts confirmed by the external board at the time of publishing (Hamilton Public Library, the Hamilton Farmers' Market, the City Enrichment Fund and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)) while all others were assumed at the 2.0% increase guideline approved by Council.

All Boards and Agencies have now submitted their 2022 budget requests, which are provided in Appendix "B" to Report FCS22002. All stakeholders within Boards and Agencies, with the exception of the City Enrichment Fund and MPAC, will present their budgets at GIC on January 18 and 20, 2022.

D. 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 Report FCS21115, 2022 Tax Supported User Fees and are included in the Tax Supported Operating Budget.

The 2022 Tax Supported User Fees (Report FCS21115) were approved by Council on December 15, 2021.

Table 1 summarizes the schedule for upcoming budget meetings for the General Issues Committee.

Table 1

ITEM	DATE
Tax Supported Operating Budget Overview	January 14, 2022
Boards and Agencies Presentation	January 18 and 20, 2022
Departmental Budget Presentations	January 25, 26, 27, and February 4, 2022
Public Delegations	February 7, 2022
GIC Budget Deliberations	February 10, 22, 25 and March 1, 3, 2022
Council Budget Approval	March 30, 2022

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report FCS22002 – 2022 Preliminary Tax Supported Operating Budget Report

Appendix “B” to Report FCS22002 – 2022 Operating Budget Information Package for City and External Boards and Agencies

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