

Finalization of the 2025 Budget

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Report Summary

This report provides a summary of the 2025 Budget and the resolutions required to put the budget into effect.

Resolutions

Resolution 1:

THAT the 2025 City of Greater Sudbury tax supported base operating budget for municipal operations, inclusive of fees and charges and excluding the City's share of the Service Partners' budgets described in Resolutions 2-6 of this report and inclusive of operating budget amendments OA1 to OA18, be readopted in the gross expenditure amount of \$581,397,243 and the net amount of \$272,135,916.

Resolution 2:

THAT the municipal share of the Greater Sudbury Public Library 2025 Budget, inclusive of Citizen Services Centres and inclusive of operating budget amendment OA11, in the gross expenditure amount of \$10,652,526 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$10,089,111, be readopted.

Resolution 3:

THAT the municipal share of the Nickel District Conservation Authorities (Conservation Sudbury) 2025 budget, inclusive of operating budget amendment OA11, in the gross expenditure amount of \$1,372,632 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$1,372,632, be readopted.

Resolution 4:

THAT the municipal share of the Greater Sudbury Police Services 2025 budget, inclusive of operating budget amendment OA11, in the gross expenditure amount of \$89,985,422 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$83,494,285, be readopted.

AND THAT the capital budget for Greater Sudbury Police Services for 2025-2027 in the amount of \$14,982,067 be readopted.

Resolution 5:

THAT the municipal share of the tax supported budget for the Sudbury Airport Personnel 2025 budget, inclusive of operating budget amendment OA6, in the gross expenditure amount of \$4,163,011 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$0, be readopted.

Resolution 6:

THAT the municipal share of the Public Health Sudbury & Districts' 2025 budget in the gross expenditure amount of \$9,473,714 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$9,473,714, be readopted, subject to the following:

- a) An increase in the Public Health Sudbury & Districts' 2025 budget of \$94,600.

Resolution 7:

THAT the water/wastewater 2025 operating budget be readopted in the gross expenditure amount of \$101,541,106, representing a user rate increase of 4.8%, all in accordance with the Water/Wastewater Long Term Financial Plan;

AND THAT the water/wastewater 2025-2027 capital budget, inclusive of capital budget amendment CA7, be readopted in the amount of \$212,060,674.

Resolution 8:

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury 2025-2027 tax supported capital budget, inclusive of capital budget amendments CA1 to CA6, be readopted in the gross amount of \$507,161,319.

Resolution 9:

THAT pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09, this report serves as the method for communicating the exclusion of the following estimated expenses from the 2025 Budget:

- a) Amortization expense - \$80.3 million
- b) Post-employment benefit expenses - \$5.2 million
- c) Solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses - \$0.3 million

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

This report refers to operational matters and has no direct impact on CEEP.

Financial Implications

If approved as presented on November 19, 2024, the net taxation levy increase for 2025 will be 4.7%.

Background

The purpose of this report is to provide resolutions to readopt the 2025 budget as described in the 2025 Annual Budget Update Report presented on November 19, 2024.

If approved as presented, the 2025 budget produces a tax levy change of 4.7%. Business cases presented for consideration do not form part of the base budget and require a majority vote by Committee to be included as part of the approved plan. Further, consistent with the Water and Wastewater Long-Range Financial Plan, rates will increase by 4.8% to reflect the need to maintain a sustainable water and wastewater service in accordance with provincial regulations.

Base Budget Adjustments

The following adjustment is required to the base budget recommended for re adoption because Public Health, Sudbury & Districts finalized their budget on November 21:

Proposed 2025 Budget		4.7%
Base Budget Adjustments:		
PHSD Increase	\$94,600	0.0%
2025 Budget Increase		4.7%

Municipal Act - Ontario Regulation 284/09

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 284/09, municipalities are required to disclose amounts that are expensed in their financial statements but not included in budgeted figures prior to Council passing the annual budget. For the City of Greater Sudbury, this includes three expenses for the 2025 Budget:

- a. Amortization expense - \$80.3 million
- b. Post-employment benefit expenses – \$5.2 million; and
- c. Landfill liability expenses - \$0.3 million

The effect of including these expenses for a net total of \$85.8 million in the budget would be to increase the tax levy and user fee requirements. By not including these expenses, the annual contribution to capital and reserves are lower than they will likely need to be to maintain assets in a state of good repair. Similarly, as obligations for post-employment benefits or landfill closure costs become due, future levies would be impacted if the expenses remain unbudgeted.

SUMMARY

The recommended 2025 Budget reflects a 4.7% municipal property tax change compared to 2024.

REFERENCES:

2025 Budget Overview and Schedule Report (May 22, 2024)

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