

## 2025 Budget Overview and Schedule

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## Report Summary

This report provides recommendations regarding the multi-year budget policy and an overview of the process for reconfirming and/or amending the 2025 Budget. It also provides a budget update schedule and the reporting changes Committee can expect to see in a budget update year.

## Resolutions

### Resolution 1:

THAT Staff be directed to schedule budget deliberations for the Finance and Administration Committee during the daytime commencing at 9:30 am on December 2<sup>nd</sup> (and December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, if required).

### Resolution 2:

THAT Staff present any service enhancements, changes in services, or new service proposals as Business Cases for consideration by the Finance and Administration Committee, subject to the following conditions;

- a. All businesses cases must be approved by resolution of the Finance and Administration Committee to be incorporated into the 2025 Annual Budget Update Report; and
- b. Any business case with a value of \$100,000 or less be incorporated into the base budget where the Executive Leadership Team supports the change, with a summary of such changes disclosed to the Finance and Administration Committee in the 2025 Annual Budget Update Report.

## Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Climate Action Plans

This report is informed by the Strategic Objectives outlined in the 2019-2027 City of Greater Sudbury Strategic Plan. This report refers to operational matters and has no direct connection to the Community Energy & Emissions Plan.

## Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. Council approved a 2025 net tax levy

increase of 7.3% during the 2024-2025 multi-year budget deliberations. The 2025 Budget is subject to readoption by City Council.

## Background

In 2023, Council approved a two-year operating budget and a four-year capital budget. This resulted in a net tax levy increase of 5.9% and 7.3%, respectively, for 2024 and 2025. In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, Council must readopt the budget for 2025. A summary of changes by service category for 2025 is detailed in the table below.

Table 1: Summary of Changes by Service Category

	2025	
	Percentage	Dollar Value
Provincially Mandated Programs	0.6%	2,161,449
Contribution to Capital Increase due to Inflation	1.0%	3,495,551
Accelerated Infrastructure Renewal Levy	1.6%	5,518,214
Municipal Services (Net of Assessment Growth)	2.4%	8,770,369
Municipal Services Cost Changes	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>19,945,583</b>
Service Partners	0.3%	953,030
Greater Sudbury Police Services	1.4%	4,911,388
<b>Council Directed Property Tax Increase</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	25,810,001

## Multi-Year Budget

The process for preparing and adopting a multi-year budget and the requirements for a municipality's budget are prescribed in the Municipal Act, 2001. Establishing an annual review process is mandatory and is addressed through the new Multi-Year Budget Policy in Appendix 1. In addition to the matters required to be addressed by the Municipal Act, 2001, the scope of annual budget changes may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. New or Changed Regulation
2. New or Changed Council Direction
3. Cost or Revenue Driver

## 2025 Budget Schedule

The 2025 budget meeting schedule has been attached for the Committee's review in Appendix 2.

## Changes in Annual Reporting

The following table compares past reporting practices to a new structure that reflects a **readoption year** in a multi-year budget.

Table 2: Summary of Changes in Reporting

Timeline	Previous Report/Document	Replacement
Q2	Budget Direction Report	Budget Overview and Schedule Report
Q3	Business Case Report	Business Case Report
Q3	Budget Update Report	Budget Status Update Report (new name)
Q4	i. Budget Document ii. Finalization of the 2025 Budget Report	2025 Annual Budget Update Report*

### **\*2025 Annual Budget Update Report**

This report and presentation will describe any changes to the 2025 approved budget based on the three categories described in the Multi-Year Budget Policy. It will also include all final business cases for the committee's consideration and deliberation.

### **Summary**

Staff anticipate providing an update on the status of the 2025 Budget in September, with the 2025 Annual Budget Update Report presented in November. Meetings in December will be scheduled to reconfirm the 2025 Budget and deliberate business cases.

### **Resources Cited**

1. Municipal Act, 2001