

# Rethink Refocus Rebalance

Toward Fiscal Sustainability

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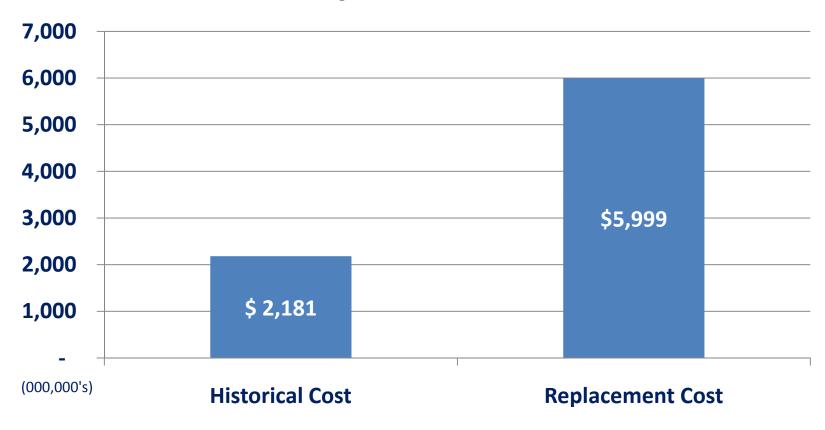
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#### The Challenges

- Need for additional capital funding
- Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund grant at risk
- Desire to maintain low property taxes
- Program expansion, growth related expenditures, Council priorities
- > Costs of compliance with regulations



### **Capital Assets**





#### **Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP)**

- ➤ Adopted by City Council in 2002
- > Key Components:
  - 1) 10 Year projection of the City's operating and capital needs
  - 2) Principles and Policies were developed
  - 3) Capital Levy (2.3%) was recommended



#### **Fiscal Sustainability**

- Revenues sufficient to meet current and future expenses
- Build and replace capital assets
- Municipal services
- Stability in property taxes and intergenerational equity
- Sound financial management and health

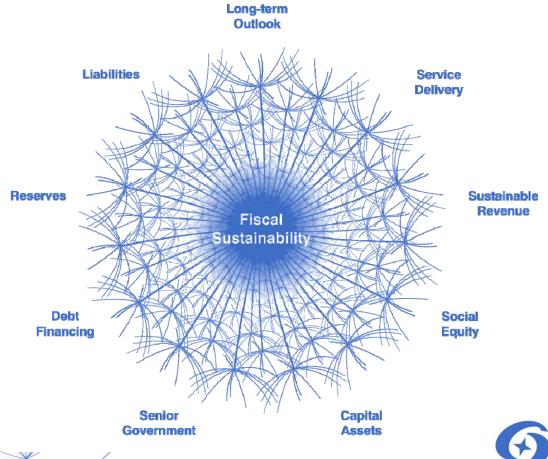


#### LTFP: Framework Established

- ➤ Nine principles intended to guide Council and administration in managing financial affairs:
  - Designed to ensure the City attains financial sustainability.
  - Safeguards sufficient resources to provide the services the community expects.
  - Number of years to implement.



### **LTFP: Nine Principles**







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# Implementation of LTFP Principles: Next Steps 2010 and Beyond

Senior Management Team has developed action items:

- Short Term: 2010 for Budget 2011
- Medium and Long Term: 2011 and Beyond



# Toward Fiscal Sustainability: Short Term 2011 Budget

- Presentation to Council: Overview of Toward Fiscal Sustainability Plan
- Operating departments work on short-term action items: Summer/Fall 2010
- ➤ Recommendations to Council for 2011 Budget Deliberations: January 2011



1. Long Term Outlook

- Financial Policies and Process Review
- Dividend Policy (GSUI)
- Regular financial reporting



2. Cost Efficiencies & Service Delivery

- Develop Proposals for Council consideration
- Cross functional teams to review common services
- Review of operating contracts
- Others, such as:

   Benchmarking, Energy
   Management, Green
   IT, Auditor General
   Recommendations





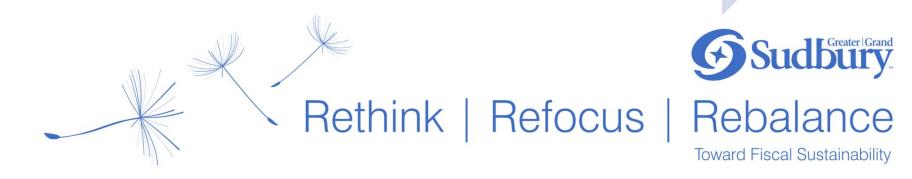
3. Revenues

- Develop proposals for Council consideration
- Service provision to other municipalities
- Failed tax sale properties



4. Capital Assets

- Allocation of Capital Envelopes
- Green Space Advisory Recommendations
- Identify underutilized assets:
   land, equipment, assets, facilities
- Update 10 year capital financial plan



5. Social Equity

- Community Grants
- Align and integrate Healthy Communities Strategy

6. Federal & Prov. Partnerships

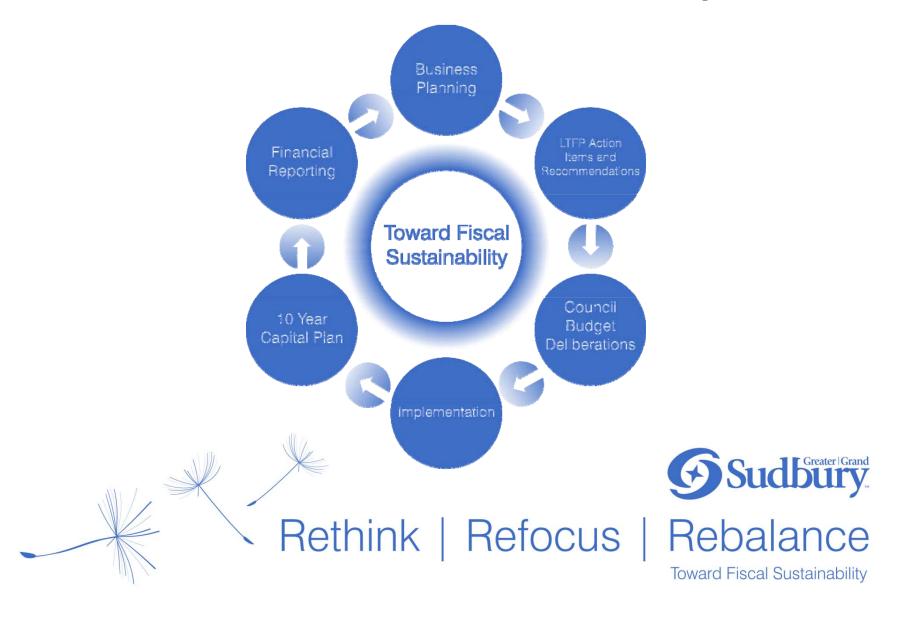
- OMPF Grant
- Capital Grants
- Allocation Federal Gas Taxes



- 7. Use debt financing where appropriate.
- 8. Maintain reserves and reserve funds at appropriate levels.
- 9. Identify and quantify long-term liabilities.



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#### **QUESTIONS?**

