

# BUDGET AT A GLANCE

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Edmonton

## Working Toward a 0 Per Cent Tax Increase

The multi-year budget calls for a 3.2 per cent tax increase in 2021. Here's how City Administration has proposed to bring that to zero.

Every four years, the City of Edmonton sets multi-year budgets for capital projects and the day to day work the City does. This includes a tax increase or decrease for each year. Administration and Council meet twice a year to adjust the budgets as needed.

When Council meets in December to discuss the 2021 budget, they'll really be adjusting the 2021 part of the 2019-2022 multi-year budget... a budget that originally called for a 3.2 per cent tax increase in 2021. However, 2020 has been a difficult year for Edmontonians. Administration and Council are recognizing this by considering lowering that 3.2 per cent to a zero per cent tax increase for 2021.

The loss of those expected tax dollars has to be balanced by increasing revenues or cutting costs. Administration is proposing to cut \$56.6 million from City department budgets for 2021.

## Balancing 2021



Proposed changes include the elimination of over 300 staff positions — including over 100 supervisor positions — through vacancy management, workforce transitions and layoffs. Some of Edmonton's less-used recreation facilities could be closed and levels of some services could change. Each department has also offered incremental savings that add up, such as a reduction in colour printing across the City that could save hundreds of thousands a year.

Council will discuss these proposed changes in December and will make the ultimate decisions about the budget and any tax increase for 2021.

### What's next for budget planning?

The non-statutory public hearing will be December 3, 2020. Edmontonians can register for the hearing by calling the City Clerk at 780-496-8178 or online at [edmonton.ca/meetings](https://edmonton.ca/meetings)

On December 7, Administration will bring Council projections for COVID financial impacts in 2021, along with strategies for managing them.