

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

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Edmonton

How Council Sets Priorities

How does Council choose between important projects?

The City of Edmonton has a strategic plan: ConnectEdmonton. This plan grew from years of learning about the vision Edmontonians hold for a happy and successful future and conversations with them about what's important to them. ConnectEdmonton sees Edmonton as a Healthy City with Urban Places and Climate Resilience, joining in Regional Prosperity. This helps guide Council in their choices.



I don't always hear this during Council meetings. Why?

Council knows the strategic plan well and agrees on its goals. Discussion at Council is often around the best ways to get there. They consider the project's geographic impact; potential savings and risks; demand for services and the level of service now available; and, public feedback of all kinds. Sometimes Council acts to take advantage of limited-time grants from the provincial or federal governments.

For ongoing projects or services that may need to be adjusted, Council will look at costs versus savings of every decision, as well as the impact on Edmontonians who rely on a service, or who are looking forward to the benefits of the project once it's complete.

What are the next steps?

Have your say at the non-statutory public hearing on budget, December 5. You can register in person just before the meeting, or pre-register by calling at 780-496-8178 or visiting edmonton.ca/meetings

If you can't be there in person, you can always watch Council meetings live at edmonton.ca/meetings

Have a question for the City? It's welcome at yegcitybudget.ca, where City staff members will answer your question and share it for others who may want to know the same thing.

Council's budget deliberations will start December 11.

Questions? YEGcitybudget.ca