

# BUDGET AT A GLANCE

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Edmonton

## Budget Non-Statutory Public Hearing

### What is this hearing for? Why do we have it?

The Budget Non-Statutory Public Hearing was held December 5, 2019. These annual hearings are a chance for residents to speak directly with City Council about the budget.

This isn't the only way Edmontonians influence the budget. From electing a representative to Council to speaking at regular public hearings, attending public engagement events or reaching out to Council and Administration directly, residents speak up all year about what matters most to them and where tax dollars should go.

### What happened at the hearing?

47 speakers addressed Council to provide their thoughts on the upcoming capital and operating budget deliberations. Speakers represented the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce and Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, City union leaders, and local businesses and arts, sports and social service groups.

Several speakers talked about the challenges business owners face as they cope with a slow economy. Others spoke of the value of City and partner programs that strengthen communities and individuals.

Property taxes were a large part of the conversation.

## What Property Taxes Get Done



The average Edmonton household, with an assessed value of approximately \$400,000, pays around seven dollars a day in property taxes.

Imagine life without roads, parks, police and fire services, libraries, summer pools and winter skating, snow clearing and repair crews. Now imagine your household could buy a pass, for seven dollars a day, that would give those things to everyone in your household. That pass would also help support recreation facilities and attractions, transit, the City's local partners in everything from sports to social work, and dozens of other things you rely on. That's the work that seven dollars a day gets done.

### What are the next steps?

Council will consider all public feedback during budget deliberations, starting December 11.

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