

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

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Budget Deliberations Highlights

What was discussed at Council?

City Council concluded budget discussions today, deferring several projects to arrive at a tax increase of 2.08 per cent for 2020.

The 2.08 per cent tax increase is made up of:

- 1 per cent for Edmonton Police Service as part of the dedicated funding formula
- 0.8 per cent for LRT expansion
- 0.28 per cent for growth in infrastructure and services

The Government of Alberta's fall budget had decreased 2020 operating funding to the City by \$26 million and the 2019-22 capital budget by \$183.4 million.

The 2020 budget first proposed in November was recommended at a 2.6 per cent tax increase. That proposal absorbed reductions that came as a result of the recent provincial budget, but Council made further reductions of \$9.3 million and deferred almost \$500 million of the \$10 billion capital program, including the deferral of the Lewis Farms Recreation Centre.

What were the big topics?

Council voted to proceed with upgrading Terwillegar Drive to an expressway and upgrades to the Stadium LRT Station. They also confirmed the Coronation Recreation Centre will proceed, but chose to defer construction of Lewis Farms Recreation Centre.

Council decided to defer funding the alley rehabilitation program until 2023, while public engagement, conversations with utilities and other planning work is done.

311 will move from round-the-clock service to a 12-hour service and will adjust to a 60-second call-answer standard, as recommended by a recent program and service review. The travel and training budget for City staff will be reduced by just under \$1 million and Administration will further reduce the budget by an additional \$1.6 million through a variety of workforce strategies.



What's next?

The 2019 year end operating and capital financial updates will come before Council early next year, followed by the supplemental capital and operating budget adjustments. To find out what's coming up for Council, or what was discussed at recent sessions, visit edmonton.ca/meetings

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