

# A City Budget for All

## What's in the draft City Budget 2016?

### Questions you can ask

Services that we depend upon everyday are shaped by the City Budget – how funds will be raised, what services will be provided. The health of everyone depends upon it.

Take a look at our document, [A City Budget for All](#), to see what matters to you and make your views known.

## Fair and Caring City

- **Will a 2% tax increase provide the city with enough funds to provide services that create a city for all?** An increase of 1% is \$36 per year on the average property tax bill and gives the City \$14 M in additional funds (revenue).
- **Do Efficiencies mean Service Reductions?** The City of Ottawa is facing a \$51.8 M deficit and has proposed keeping tax increases to 2%. To do this, they have set \$17.4 million in “efficiencies targets” in the 2016 budget. Efficiencies mean reducing costs or finding savings. Will this mean a reduction in services? The promise made by the City is that: *“operational efficiencies will not impact services to the public”*.

We hope the questions in [A City Budget for All](#) will help you know what questions to ask to get the information you need.

## You have between now and Dec 7<sup>th</sup> to let City Council know your views.

- Contact the Mayor or your [City Councillor](#) by e-mail or phone
- Schedule to present at a Committee, Commission or Board of the City. Members of the public can make a five-minute presentation to Standing Committees, Boards and Commissions at meetings taking place from November 17 to December 7.

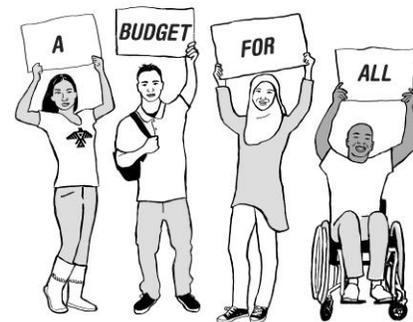
Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee

Nov 23 Mon



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Planning Committee	Nov 24 Tues
Audit Committee	Nov 26 Thurs
Environment Committee – Tax / Rate-supported	Nov 27 Fri
<b>Community &amp; Protective Services Committee</b>	<b>Nov 30 Mon</b>
Police Services Board	Nov 30 Mon
Finance and Economic Development Committee	Dec 1 Tues
Ottawa Public Library Board	Dec 1 Tues
Transportation Committee	Dec 2 Wed
<b>Transit Commission</b>	<b>Dec 3 Thurs</b>
IT Sub-committee	Dec 4 Fri
<b>Ottawa Board of Health</b>	<b>Dec 7 Mon</b>
<b>Review / Adoption by Council</b>	<b>Dec 9 Wed</b>

To register in advance of the meeting, contact the relevant Committee Coordinator using eAgenda at [Ottawa.ca](http://Ottawa.ca) or by calling 3-1-1.

- Share your views with others (letter to the editor, social media, in conversation)

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**we create a healthy city for everyone**