

Help Balance the City's Budget Online

The City of Edmonton invites Edmontonians to identify their priorities for civic services and recommend ways to balance the 2014 Operating Budget through an interactive online tool.

The operating budget sets the revenue and spending levels for all civic services and programs, such as police, fire rescue, transit, parks maintenance, snow clearing, pothole repair, libraries, and recreation centres. Bylaw, the City is not allowed to budget for an operating deficit and it has limited sources of revenue to pay for services.



Residents are encouraged to use the online tool to show how they would balance the budget, and share their approach with other Edmontonians online at edmontonbudget.com.

The City of Edmonton's proposed 2014 Operating Budget recommends a 4% general tax increase for all civic operations, boards and commissions, including funding operations of several new facilities. An additional 1.5% tax dedicated to the Neighbourhood Renewal Program is also recommended.

The results of the online input will be compiled and shared publicly November 25, 2013, before City Council begins deliberations in December. Council will also listen to budget recommendations from citizens at a Public Hearing on November 25, 2013.

The proposed budget can be found at edmonton.ca/budget2014.

Council is expected to set the operating budget in mid-December.

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