

# Draft Budget 2026

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## Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

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## **Planning, Development and Building Services Department Service Area Summary - Planning Services – Development Review Rural**

Development Review Rural is part of the Development Review team within Planning Services. Planning Services helps manage the evolution of the city, through planning policy and city-wide development review approvals, to enhance the quality of life so that people can live, prosper and connect in neighbourhoods, buildings and spaces that are vibrant, well designed, safely built and sustainable.

### **Development Review - Rural**

- Provide multi-disciplinary review, coordination of review by internal stakeholders, and approval of development applications in the rural area (including planning, engineering, parks associated with development, environment and trees, transportation, and heritage considerations)

## **Planning, Development and Building Services Department Service Area Summary - Business and Technical Support Services – Rural Affairs Office**

The Rural Affairs Office helps monitor and support issues affecting rural Ottawa ensuring that current and emerging rural issues are a focus for City staff and Council. The Rural Affairs Office facilitates relationships between the City and its rural citizens by assessing the impact of the City's rural policies, by-laws and programs, negotiating change and advocates for the rural perspective in accordance with City Council's direction.

### **Rural Affairs**

- Implement Council-approved priorities arising from the Rural Summit
- Support for the implementation of Rural Economic Development Strategy
- Deliver the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program
- Administer rural grant programs (Rural Community-Building Grant which includes the Rural Association Partnership Program)
- Support for various local food and farming activities
- Engage in regional agri-food initiatives that support economic development
- Support the Ottawa Smart Farm at Area X.O Testing Facilities
- Partner with other agencies to deliver various rural youth development initiatives
- Support rural signage programming
- Provide investment into rural infrastructure including roads, ditches and pathways
- Outreach to rural community and promotion of City services to rural residents
- Support delivery of various policies, programs and services to rural residents
- Respond to inquiries from rural residents

City of Ottawa  
Planning, Development and Building Services Department  
Planning Services (ARAC) - Operating Resource Requirement  
In Thousands (\$000)

|                                    | 2024         | 2025         |              | 2026         | \$ Change over<br>2025 Budget |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|                                    | Actual       | Forecast     | Budget       | Estimate     |                               |
| <b>Expenditures by Program</b>     |              |              |              |              |                               |
| Rural Affairs                      | 1,082        | 1,142        | 1,172        | 1,175        | 3                             |
| Development Review Rural           | 2,351        | 2,489        | 2,489        | 2,567        | 78                            |
| <b>Gross Expenditure</b>           | <b>3,433</b> | <b>3,631</b> | <b>3,661</b> | <b>3,742</b> | <b>81</b>                     |
| Recoveries & Allocations           | (107)        | (117)        | (117)        | (115)        | 2                             |
| Revenue                            | (1)          | (6)          | (6)          | 0            | 6                             |
| <b>Net Requirement</b>             | <b>3,325</b> | <b>3,508</b> | <b>3,538</b> | <b>3,627</b> | <b>89</b>                     |
| <b>Expenditures by Type</b>        |              |              |              |              |                               |
| Salaries, Wages & Benefits         | 2,577        | 2,681        | 2,711        | 2,798        | 87                            |
| Overtime                           | 13           | 26           | 26           | 26           | 0                             |
| Material & Services                | 270          | 347          | 347          | 347          | 0                             |
| Transfers/Grants/Financial Charges | 454          | 496          | 496          | 490          | (6)                           |
| Fleet Costs                        | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Program Facility Costs             | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Other Internal Costs               | 119          | 81           | 81           | 81           | 0                             |
| <b>Gross Expenditures</b>          | <b>3,433</b> | <b>3,631</b> | <b>3,661</b> | <b>3,742</b> | <b>81</b>                     |
| Recoveries & Allocations           | (107)        | (117)        | (117)        | (115)        | 2                             |
| <b>Net Expenditure</b>             | <b>3,326</b> | <b>3,514</b> | <b>3,544</b> | <b>3,627</b> | <b>83</b>                     |
| <b>Revenues By Type</b>            |              |              |              |              |                               |
| Federal                            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Provincial                         | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Municipal                          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Own Funds                          | 0            | (6)          | (6)          | 0            | 6                             |
| Property Taxes                     | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Investment Income                  | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Development Charges                | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Fees and Services                  | (1)          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Fines                              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| Other                              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0                             |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>               | <b>(1)</b>   | <b>(6)</b>   | <b>(6)</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>6</b>                      |
| <b>Net Requirement</b>             | <b>3,325</b> | <b>3,508</b> | <b>3,538</b> | <b>3,627</b> | <b>89</b>                     |
| <b>Full Time Equivalents</b>       |              |              | <b>20.00</b> | <b>20.00</b> | <b>0.00</b>                   |

City of Ottawa  
Planning, Development and Building Services Department  
Planning Services (ARAC) - User Fees

|                  | 2024<br>Rate<br>\$ | 2025<br>Rate<br>\$ | 2026<br>Rate<br>\$ | % Change<br>Over 2025 | % Change<br>Over 2024 | Effective Date | 2026 Revenue<br>(\$000) |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Fence Viewer Fee | 430.00             | 440.00             | 450.00             | 2.3%                  | 4.7%                  | 01-Jan-26      |                         |

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2026 Draft Capital Budget  
Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee  
Capital Funding Summary  
In Thousands (\$000)

|  | Revenues | Tax<br>Supported/<br>Dedicated | Rate<br>Supported | Develop.<br>Charges | Gas Tax  | Tax<br>Supported/<br>Dedicated<br>Debt | Rate<br>Supported<br>Debt | Develop.<br>Charges<br>Debt | Gas Tax<br>Debt | Total         |
|--|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Climate Change & Resiliency                  |          |                                |                   |                     |          |  |                           |                             |                 |               |
| Service Enhancements                         |          |                                |                   |                     |          |  |                           |                             |                 |               |
| 908894 Natural Area Acquisitions (Rural)     | 0        | 300                            | 0                 | 0                   | 0        | 1,500                                  | 0                         | 0                           | 0               | 1,800         |
| <b>Service Enhancements Total</b>            | <b>0</b> | <b>300</b>                     | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b> | <b>1,500</b>                           | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>        | <b>1,800</b>  |
| <b>Climate Change &amp; Resiliency Total</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>300</b>                     | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b> | <b>1,500</b>                           | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>        | <b>1,800</b>  |
|  |          |                                |                   |                     |          |  |                           |                             |                 |               |
| Parks, Recreation & Culture                  |          |                                |                   |                     |          |  |                           |                             |                 |               |
| Growth                                       |          |                                |                   |                     |          |  |                           |                             |                 |               |
| 903916 Community Bldg Rural West             | 0        | 1,025                          | 0                 | 1,265               | 0        | 10                                     | 0                         | 0                           | 0               | 2,300         |
| <b>Growth Total</b>                          | <b>0</b> | <b>1,025</b>                   | <b>0</b>          | <b>1,265</b>        | <b>0</b> | <b>10</b>                              | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>        | <b>2,300</b>  |
| <b>Parks, Recreation &amp; Culture Total</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1,025</b>                   | <b>0</b>          | <b>1,265</b>        | <b>0</b> | <b>10</b>                              | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>        | <b>2,300</b>  |
|  |          |                                |                   |                     |          |  |                           |                             |                 |               |
| Transportation Services                      |          |                                |                   |                     |          |  |                           |                             |                 |               |
| Renewal of City Assets                       |          |                                |                   |                     |          |  |                           |                             |                 |               |
| 911288 24-26 Guide Rail Renewal              | 0        | 3,500                          | 0                 | 0                   | 0        | 500                                    | 0                         | 0                           | 0               | 4,000         |
| 911289 24-26 Rural Road Upgrades             | 0        | 2,100                          | 0                 | 0                   | 0        | 500                                    | 0                         | 0                           | 0               | 2,600         |
| 911869 Roads Rural Ditch Maintenance Program | 0        | 1,800                          | 1,800             | 0                   | 0        | 0                                      | 0                         | 0                           | 0               | 3,600         |
| <b>Renewal of City Assets Total</b>          | <b>0</b> | <b>7,400</b>                   | <b>1,800</b>      | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b> | <b>1,000</b>                           | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>        | <b>10,200</b> |
| <b>Transportation Services Total</b>         | <b>0</b> | <b>7,400</b>                   | <b>1,800</b>      | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b> | <b>1,000</b>                           | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>        | <b>10,200</b> |
|  |          |                                |                   |                     |          |  |                           |                             |                 |               |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>0</b> | <b>8,725</b>                   | <b>1,800</b>      | <b>1,265</b>        | <b>0</b> | <b>2,510</b>                           | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>        | <b>14,300</b> |