

City of Ottawa's Budget Process Made Simple

A key component to developing the budget is hearing from you! To help you better understand how Ottawa plans its spending every year – and how you can get involved – we have broken down some of the key steps that go into developing the City's budget.

Budgets approved by Ottawa City Council



Municipal Services



Water Services



Public Libraries



Police Services



Public Health

A five step process

1
Develop budget guidelines and priorities

Start of 4 year Council term
Derived from several key documents, the budget directions report provides the direction for annual City budgets.

2
Set budget timetable

Spring/summer
Outlines public consultation schedule and dates for tabling and approval of budget.

3
Develop draft budget

Summer/fall
During this period, members of the community can provide input in a variety of ways.

4
Present draft budget to City Council for consideration

Mid/late fall
Citizens have the opportunity to register and present at Standing Committee meetings.

5
Review and approve final budget

Early winter
Council approves budget in early December. In an election year, this is delayed until the new year.

How you can participate



Attend public meetings



E-mail your Councillor



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Learn more about the municipal budget and how you can play a part:
<http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/budget-and-taxes/budget>

