

### **Quick Facts on Service Planning and Budgeting**

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## The planning and budgeting process requires Council and Administration to work together

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#### Council:

- · Determines priorities
- · Sets tax rate & user fees
- Approves Service Plans & Budgets
- · Debrief on prior process

### Administration prepares & presents:

- Economic forecasts
- Revenue & expense projections
- Service Plans & Budgets / Adjustments
- Corporate Strategy
- Continuous improvement of process

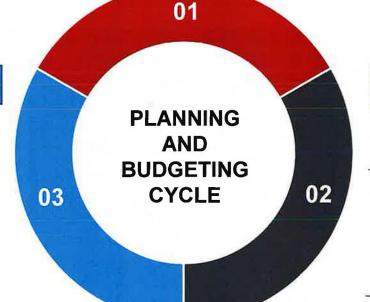


#### Council:

- Evaluates policy outcomes
- · Considers municipal context
- · Directs changes as required

### Administration prepares & presents:

- Performance reports
- Annual reports
- · Principal corporate risk reports



#### Delivery

#### Council:

- Approves tax bylaw
- Monitors progress, highlights issues and opportunities

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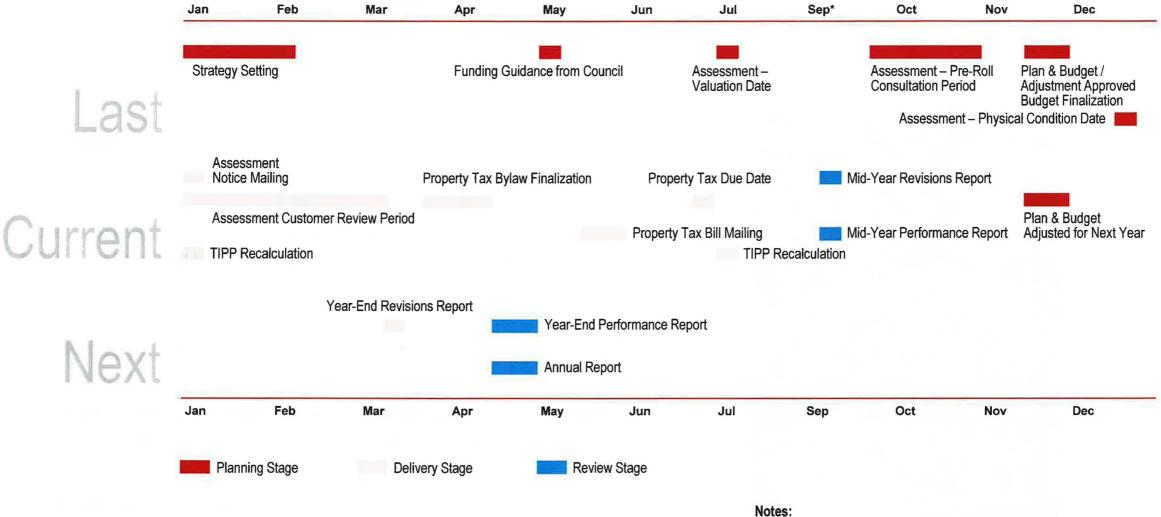
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#### Administration prepares & presents:

- Implementation of approved plans with approved resources
- · Monitor and benchmark performance
- · Report to public and to Council



#### The Typical Plan and Budget Process



There are no August Council decisions because of the regular Council recess. Water utility and Waste and Recycling Service rates timing is to be confirmed

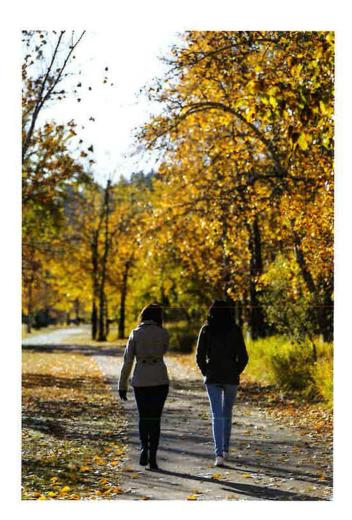
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## Better Governance Through an Improved Planning and Budgeting Process

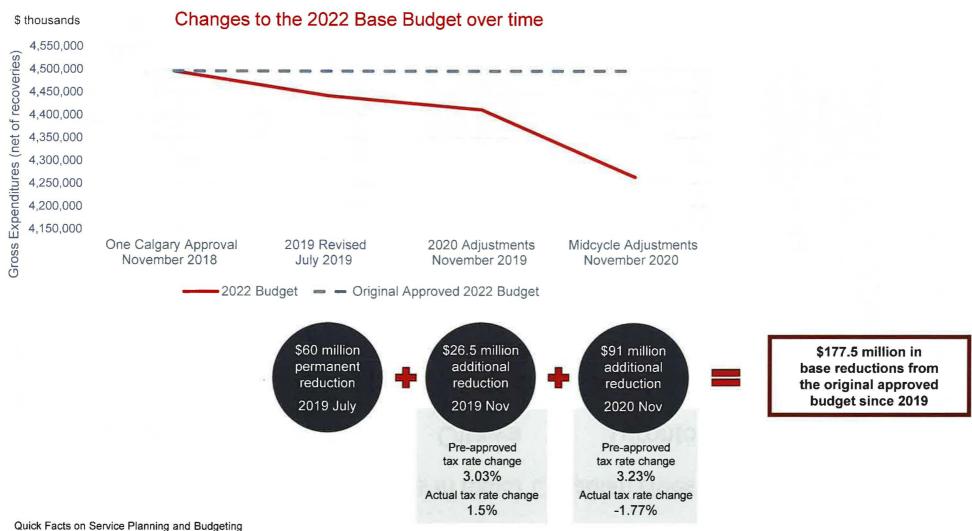
- One plan and budget
- Composed plan and budget document, closer to what you would find from provincial and federal governments
- More visibility and input for Council on prospective changes and pressing needs
- Better understanding between Council and Administration and improved clarity for interested parties and Calgarians
- Improved decision-making processes





#### **Last Cycle – A Time of Constraint**

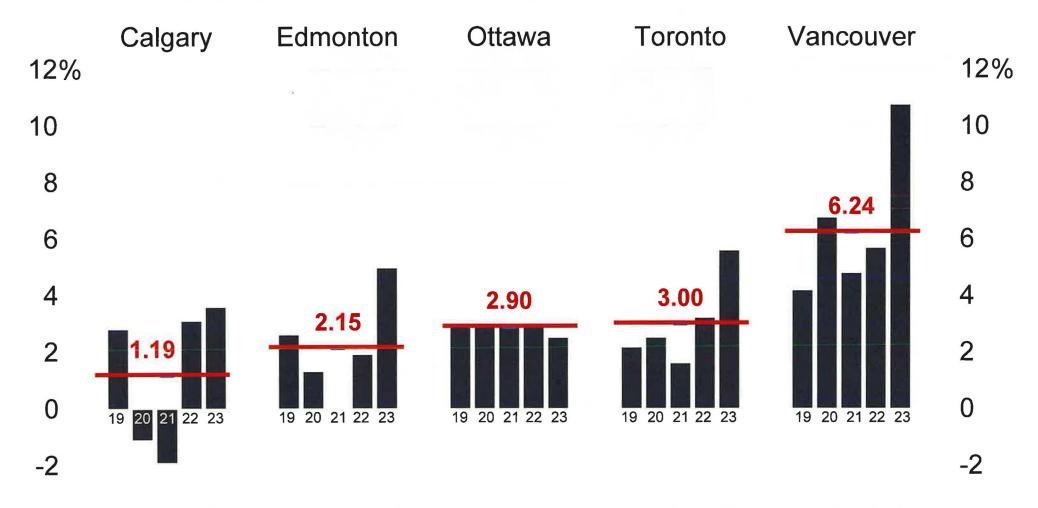
The tax rate has changed building on a series for prudent adjustments to The City's operating budget





## Calgary has had low tax increases relative to other major Canadian cities

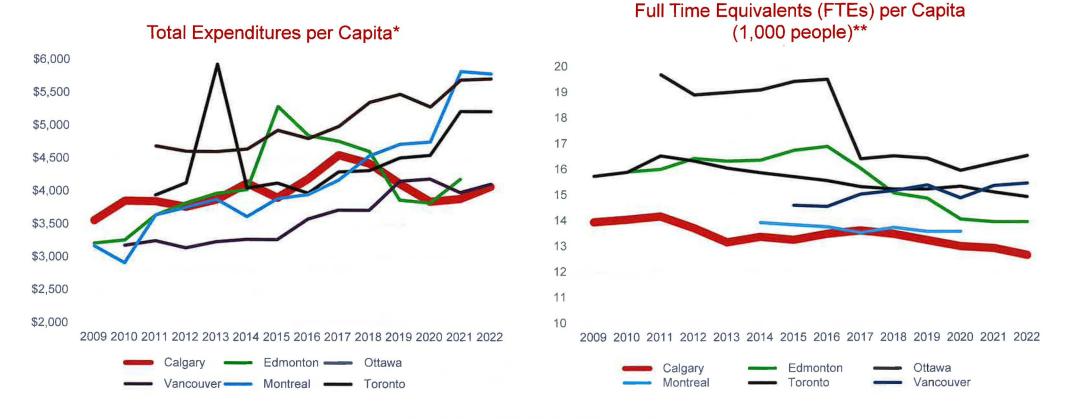
#### Average property tax increases in major Canadian cities from 2019-2023





#### **Spending Control for Financial Capacity**

Budgetary Mechanisms include putting The City's spending and size in the context of service delivery requirements



Information sourced from each city's annual report. No adjustments have been made to account for differences in services, service levels or reporting.

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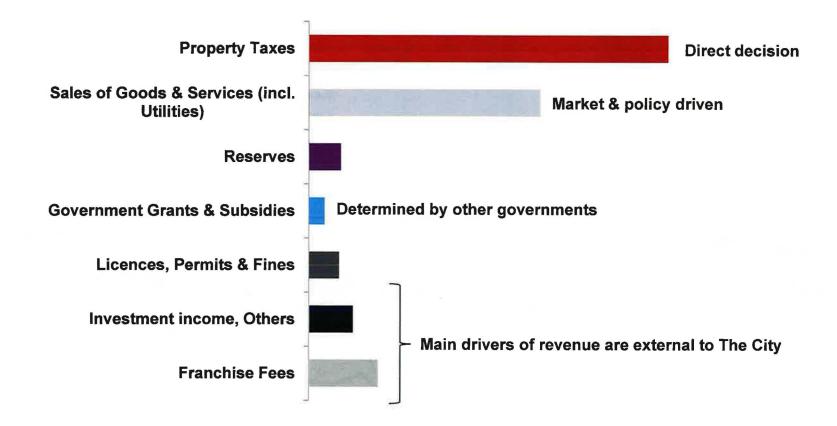
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<sup>\*</sup>Vancouver expenditure data includes an estimated share of City of Vancouver costs related to Translink and Metro Vancouver. Edmonton expenditure data excludes EPCOR.

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#### **Revenue Sources**



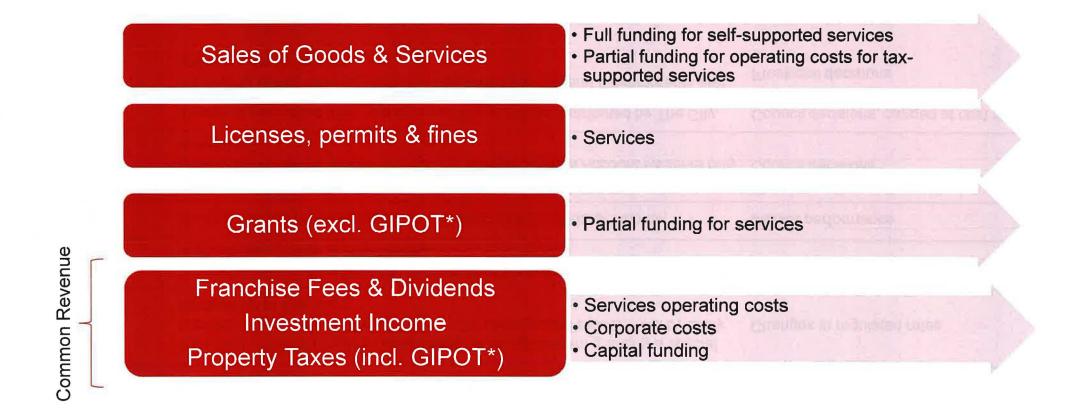


### **Major Sources of Operating Funding**

Funding Source	Description	Growth
Property Tax (Residential)	Tax levied based on the assessed market value of all taxable residential properties.	New growth in the assessment base, Council decisions
Property Tax (Non-Residential)	Tax levied based on the assessed market value of all taxable non-residential properties.	New growth in the assessment base, Council decisions
Sales of Goods & Services	Revenue generated from sales of various goods and services.	Changes in fees, changes in demand, market performance
Franchise Fees	Fee paid in lieu of property taxes based on an agreement granting a special franchise (e.g., use of City right of way for underground pipes). Paid by utility companies to The City.	Changes in regulated rates
Dividends	Financial returns from ENMAX, Calgary Parking Authority and return on equity from Utilities (Water & Wastewater)	Market performance, rate changes
nvestment & Other Income	Income earned on investments and various sources of other income.	Market performance
Contributions from Reserves	Contributions from reserves to finance operating expenditures. One-time expenditures will be funded through the Budget Savings Account Reserve only if required.	Council decisions
icenses, Permits and Fines	Revenue generated from licenses, permits and fines distributed by The City.	Council decisions, capped at cost recovery
Grants & Subsidies	Operating grants received from the Provincial and Federal Governments and various subsidy income.	Provincial decisions



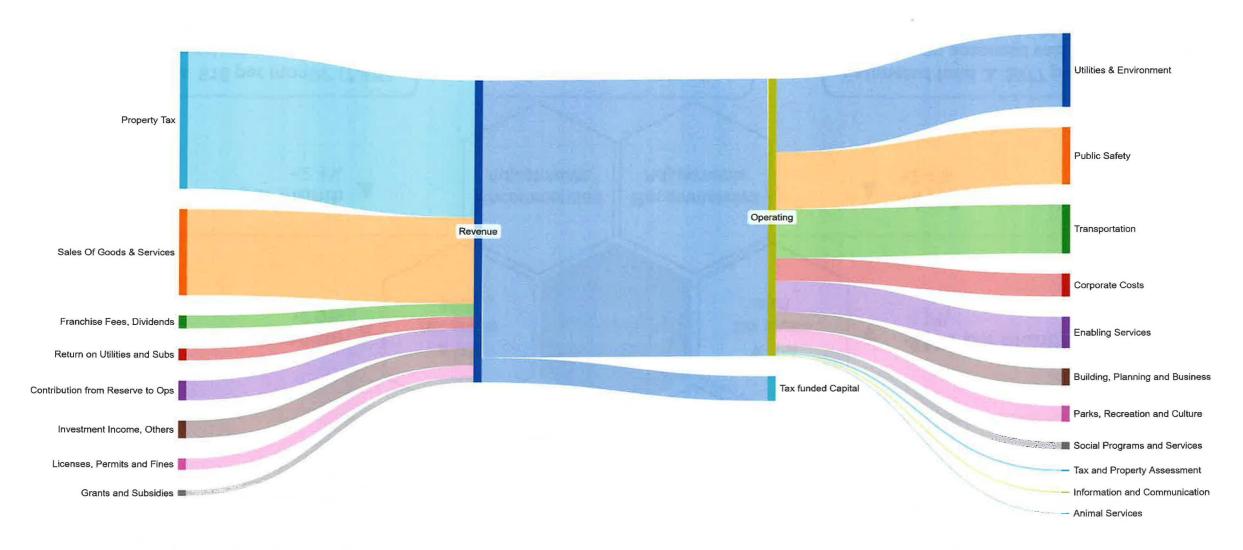
#### **Distribution of Operating Revenues**



<sup>\*</sup>Grants in place of taxes – the equivalent of property taxes on government properties



## Police, Fire, Transit take the biggest share of property tax revenues

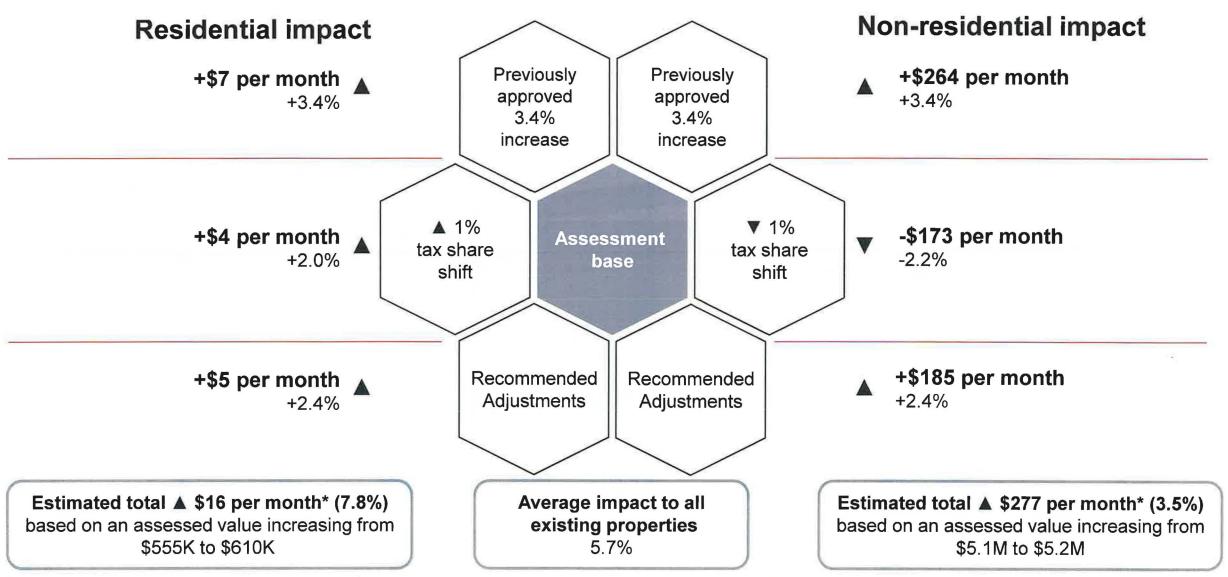


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### Cumulative Impact of Last Year's Property Tax Decisions

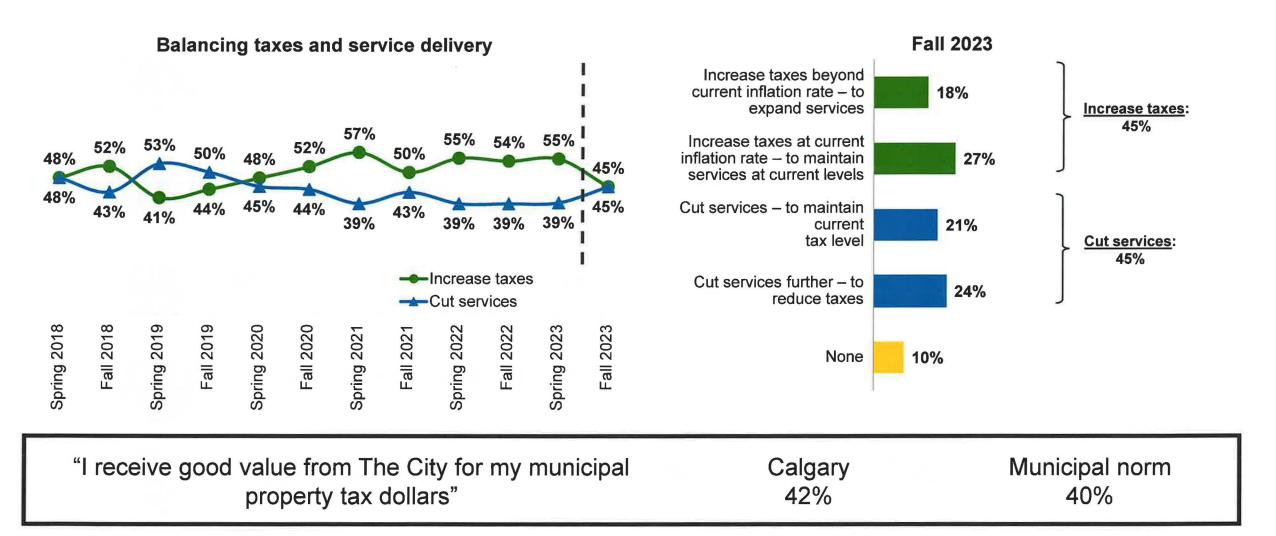


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\*Numbers are estimates and subject to change upon finalization of assessments

# Calgarians hold diverse views on how best to Mattachment 4 manage the challenges posed by increased costs of living



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### Tactics we can explore to find savings



Potential cost savings from corporate borrowing strategy



Maximize investment income



Review of capital projects



Use of reserves



Service reductions

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