

Staff Report



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REPORT TO: Finance and Corporate Services Committee

DATE OF MEETING: November 18, 2024

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DATE OF REPORT: November 6, 2024

REPORT NO.: FIN-2024-495

SUBJECT: 2025 Operating Budget

RECOMMENDATION:
For discussion.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to introduce the 2025 operating budget for Council discussion.
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

BACKGROUND:

The 2025 budget process includes a series of meetings to discuss and potentially make amendments to the budget. Council has approved a schedule that includes meetings on the following dates:

- November 18 – Operating Budget presentation by staff
- November 25 – Capital Budget presentation by staff
- December 2 – Mayor proposes the budget
- December 12 – Council votes on budget amendments/Mayor decides on amendment via veto

REPORT:

The City's operating budget funds the ongoing day-to-day costs of providing the valued public programs and services citizens use every day. Examples include recreational programming at the City's parks and community centres, having drinkable water available at the turn of a tap, and maintaining roads in a condition they are safe to drive on all seasons of the year.

Detailed budget information can be found on the City's budget website (kitchener.ca/budget) by November 14th.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report supports the delivery of core services.

*** This information is available in accessible formats upon request. ***
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Financial impacts of the 2025 budget are outlined in the detailed budget information.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

INFORM – This report has been posted to the City’s website with the agenda in advance of the council / committee meeting.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:

- FIN-2024-285 2025 Budget Process and Timelines

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