

## **2023-2024 Council Approved General/Utility Operating and Capital Budget**

At the December 14, 15 & 16, 2022 City Council meetings, the proposed 2023 General/Utility Operating Budget as well as the 2023 to 2027 General/Utility Capital Plans were debated and approved with amendments as noted below. Also, the 2024 General/Utility Budgets approved in principle. Approximately 90 delegations presented on a variety of issues.

Financial documents for the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget can be found at: [2023-24 Budget Book - Proposed](#)

Minutes of the meetings may be found at: [City Council - Public - Dec 14 to 16](#)

The result of deliberations was approval of a 3.67% 2023 mill rate increase. Council approved a 4.5% increase to Utility rates in 2023 and increase of 4.0% increase for 2024 was approved in principle.

Council decisions resulted in the following changes to the proposed 2023 Budget, the result was a 1.0% reduction to the proposed, these changes are further outlined in the February 15 Executive Committee Report (insert report #) 2023 Mill Rate from 4.67% to 3.67%:

1. Changes to the 2023 General Fund Operating Budget:
  - a. Reduction to the mill rate increase of 1.0% from savings in operational costs.
  - b. Allocate up to \$300,000 on a one-time basis from the Community Investment Reserve Fund to support the Community Support Program operated by the Regina Downtown Business Improvement District.
  - c. Include \$1,800,000 in operating costs for the Food and Yard Waste Program funded from the Solid Waste Reserve. The Food and Yard Waste Program will begin late in 2023 and this funding is to fund the program for the partial year. The 2024 Budget will be adjusted to annualize the costs in the 2024 Budget that is released in November 2023.
2. There was one change to the General Fund Capital Budget as presented in the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget documents. The funding source for the Vision Zero Program (on page 122 of the Proposed Budget Book) was changed from Current Contributions to Automated Speed Enforcement accumulated revenue account in 2023 for \$600,000 as part of the goal to accomplish the 1.0% mill rate reduction.
3. There are no changes to the Costing Fund as presented in the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget documents.
4. There are no changes to the Utility Fund budget as presented in the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget documents.

## Revenue Summaries by Category (Page 20)

(\$000s)	2023			2024		
Department	Proposed Budget	Council Change	Council Approved	Original Proposed Budget	Council Change	Updated Proposed
Property Taxation	296,810	(2,830)	293,980	313,153	(2,770)	310,383
Fees & Charges	86,412	-	86,412	85,924	-	85,924
Other Revenues	73,920	-	73,920	77,843	-	77,843
Government Grants	54,066	-	54,066	56,096	-	56,096
Licences, Levies & Fines	12,975	(18)	12,957	12,644	(18)	12,626
Transfers from a Reserve	6,063	360	6,423	6,338	-	6,338
<b>Civic Total</b>	<b>530,246</b>	<b>(2,488)</b>	<b>527,758</b>	<b>551,998</b>	<b>(2,788)</b>	<b>549,210</b>
Police Operations	11,966	-	11,966	11,748	-	11,748
<b>Total</b>	<b>542,212</b>	<b>(2,488)</b>	<b>539,724</b>	<b>563,746</b>	<b>(2,788)</b>	<b>560,958</b>

## General Fund Expenses by Account Category (Page 27)

Account Category	2023		2024			
	Proposed Budget	Council Change	Council Approved	Original Proposed Budget	Received and filed with 2023 Changes	2024 Change
<b>Expenses</b>						
Salaries & Benefits	192,592	(745)	191,847	200,216	199,471	(745)
Professional & External Services	42,930	1,384	44,314	42,160	41,744	(416)
Intramunicipal	35,344	(419)	34,925	35,339	34,920	(419)
Office & Administrative	11,253	-	11,253	11,519	11,519	-
Electricity & Natural Gas	10,863	-	10,863	10,863	10,863	-
Materials, Goods & Supplies	9,307	(115)	9,192	9,505	9,390	(115)
Other External	8,533	-	8,533	8,629	8,629	-
Training & Travel	2,031	(445)	1,586	2,050	1,605	(445)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>312,853</b>	<b>(340)</b>	<b>312,513</b>	<b>320,281</b>	<b>318,141</b>	<b>(2,140)</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>						
Contribution to Capital	65,629	(600)	65,029	75,089	74,489	(600)
Transfer to Reserve	22,103	(1,732)	20,371	20,970	21,038	68
Community Investments	17,908	184	18,092	18,207	18,091	(116)
Debt Servicing	13,630	-	13,630	13,630	13,630	-
<b>Civic Other Expenses</b>	<b>119,270</b>	<b>(2,148)</b>	<b>117,122</b>	<b>127,896</b>	<b>127,248</b>	<b>(648)</b>
<b>Total Civic</b>	<b>432,123</b>	<b>(2,488)</b>	<b>429,635</b>	<b>448,177</b>	<b>445,389</b>	<b>(2,788)</b>
Police Operations	110,089	-	110,089	115,569	115,569	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>542,212</b>	<b>(2,488)</b>	<b>539,724</b>	<b>563,746</b>	<b>560,958</b>	<b>(2,788)</b>

## Staff Complement (FTEs)

Department	2023			2024		
	Proposed	Change	Approved	Proposed	Change	Approved in Principle
Civic	2,317.6	(3.0)	2,314.6	2,331.2	(3.0)	2,328.2
Regina Police Service	676.8	0.0	676.8	689.8	0.0	689.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,994.4</b>	<b>(3.0)</b>	<b>2,991.4</b>	<b>3,021.0</b>	<b>(3.0)</b>	<b>3,018.0</b>