2025 Draft Budget Ward Consultations

Objective and Agenda

Learn more about the City of Ottawa Budget

Section 1:

Municipal Budget Basics

Section 2:

Budget Process and Development

Section 3:

Questions

Section 1: Municipal Budget Basics

- The *Municipal Act* and Balancing the Budget
- Operating vs. Capital Budget
- Funding Sources
- The Various Budgets and Levies
- User Fees and Charges

The *Municipal Act* & Balancing the Budget

The *Municipal Act* requires the City to present a balanced budget

Expenditures = Revenues

Operating vs. Capital Budget

Operating Budget:

- Provides for the annual cost to deliver services and maintenance of infrastructure

Examples include:

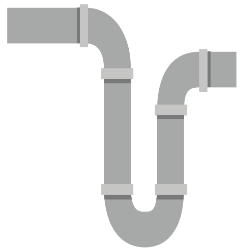
- – Winter operations
- – Pothole repairs
- – Parks maintenance
- – Fire and paramedic services
- – Facility/building maintenance
- – Utilities and fuel
- – Materials and supplies
- – Staff salaries and wages

Capital Budget:

- Provides for investments in infrastructure assets that offer long-term benefit
- Includes infrastructure growth, renewal and enhancements
- Capital projects span several years
- Budgeted over multiple years (4-year budget)

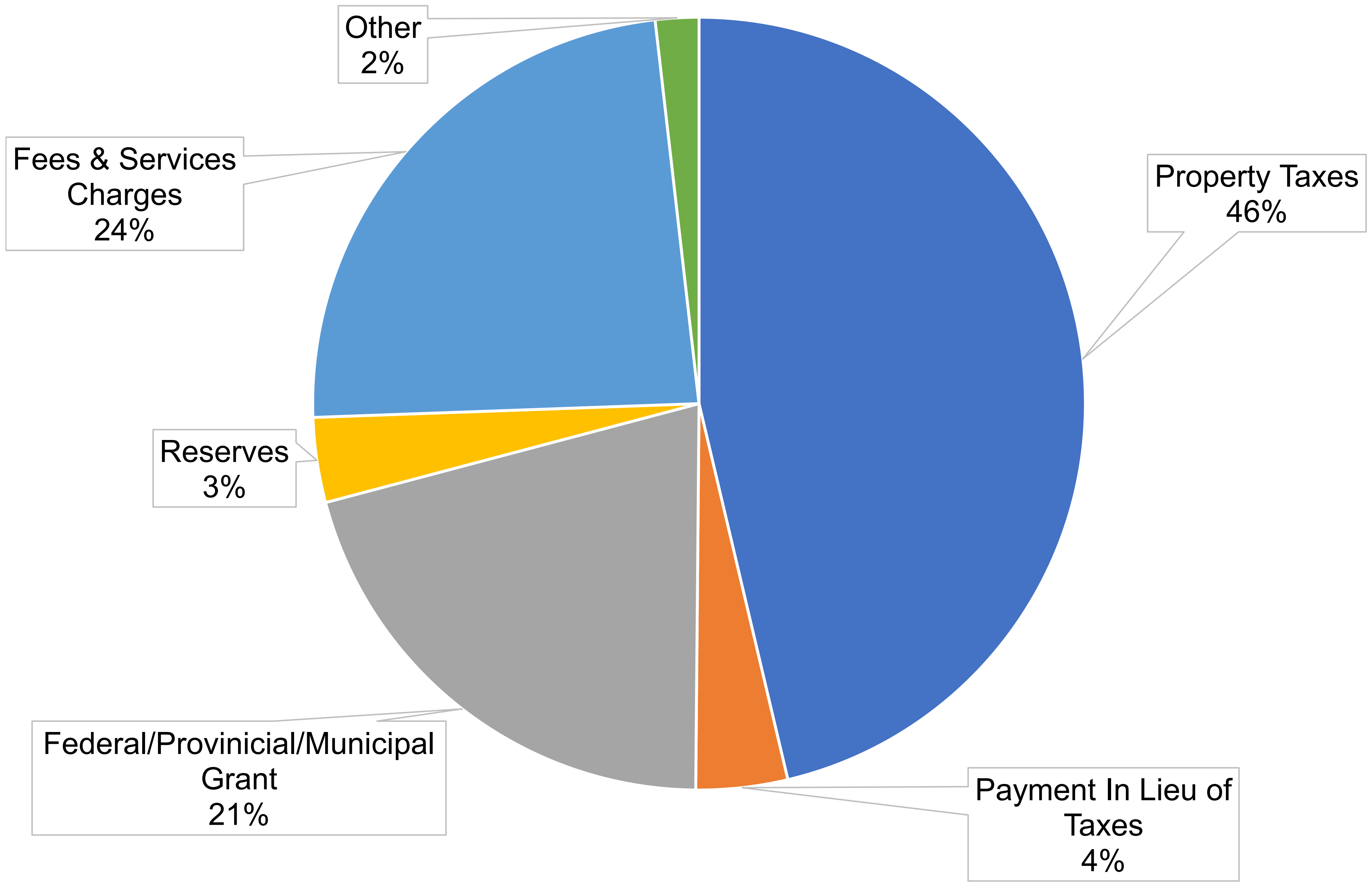
Examples include:

- – Road paving and resurfacing
- – Sidewalks, bike lanes
- – Vehicles and equipment (e.g., buses, snowplows)
- – Recreation and community centers, play structures, libraries, fields and arenas



Funding Sources

Operating Budget Funding Sources
2024 Adopted Budget



Capital Budget Funding Sources
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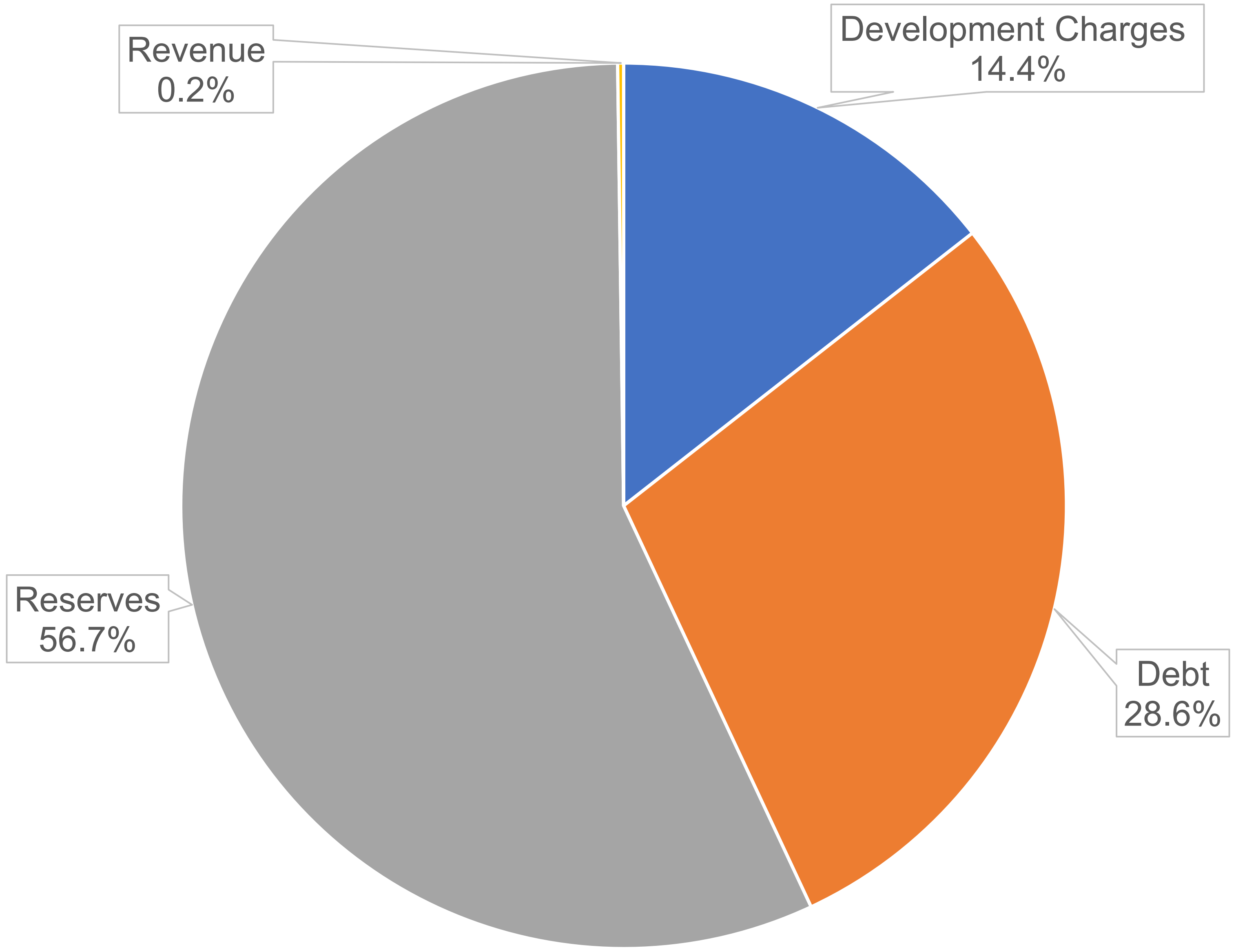

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The Various Budgets and Levies

- Tax-Supported Budget
  - Citywide tax levy
- Transit Services Budget
  - Transit levy
- Police Services Budget
  - Police Services levy
- Rate-Supported Budget
  - Water user fees



City Wide Tax-Supported Budget

Examples of tax-supported programs/services include:

- Roads and winter maintenance
- Parks, recreation and facility services and programs
- Libraries
- Public health
- Paramedics
- Community and Social Services
- Fire Services
- Office of the Auditor General

Service	Municipality	Province
Public Health	25%	75%
Paramedics	50%	50%
Community and Social Services	Varies	Varies

Transit Services Budget

- The budget for the City's transit services is funded through a separate tax on the property tax bill - the Transit levy
- The City's Fiscal Framework recommends Transit fares recover 55% of operating costs and the remaining 45% through the Transit levy
- Transit Services receives federal and provincial funding (Provincial and Federal Gas Tax)
- Falls under the authority of the Transit Commission

Ottawa Police Services Budget

- The budget for the City's police services is funded through a separate tax on the property tax bill - the Police levy
- The Police tax levy funds the Police Services Operating and Capital Budgets
- Falls under the authority of the Police Services Board

Rate-Supported Budget

- The City’s water, wastewater, and storm water services are funded through a separate user fee charged to residents on their bi-monthly water utility bill or as a fee on the property tax bill

- These programs/services are often called the rate-supported services

- Examples of rate-supported programs/services include:
  - Drinking water purification
  - Delivery of clean water to residents and businesses
  - Collection and treatment of wastewater
  - Storm water management
  - Water meter installation and lifecycle

- The budget for the City’s rate-supported services falls under the authority of the Environment and Climate Change Committee and is directed by the Council approved Rate Long Range Financial Plan.

User Fees and Charges

- The *Municipal Act* allows municipalities to impose fees and charges to cover the costs of delivering services in their jurisdiction

- Revenues from the fee are solely used to offset the costs of providing the good or service

- The *Municipal Act* prescribes the various areas that fees/charges can be imposed

- Examples of user fees and charges include:
  - transit fares
  - recreation program fees
  - facility/arena rentals
  - building permits
  - parking permits
  - water utility fees
  - garbage fee

Section 2: Budget Process and Development

- Budget Process
  - Budget Directions
  - Public Engagement
  - Budget Tabling and Adoption
- Committee Structure / Budget Books
- 2025 Budget Enhancements
- Term of Council Priorities
- 2025 Budget Meeting Schedule

Budget Process

Public engagement
July to December

Budget Directions
September 18

Council budget tabling
November 13

Committee budget meetings and deliberations
November 18 to December 5

Council Budget Adoption
December 11

Budget Directions

Tax Levy

Transit 2.9% to 37%

Other City Services no more than 2.9%

Rate Programs Increase

4.4% increase

Council Approval

September 18

Increase in Revenues

New Ideas

User Fee & Charges Increase

Cost Recovery

Public Engagement

Discussions With Ward Councillors

Online Engagement

Councillor-Led Public Consultations

Social Media

Electronic Advertisement

Promotional Video

Budget Tabling and Adoption

- Draft Budget Tabled at Council
- Committee Budget Meetings
  - ✓ Each Committee reviews the budgets for the City programs/services under their mandate and makes recommendations to Council
- Council Budget Adoption – December 11
  - ✓ Council reviews the budget recommendations from each Standing Committee and votes on the final budget

Board of Health – Budget Tabling	Monday, November 4
Public Library Board – Budget Tabling	Tuesday, November 5
Police Services Board – Budget Tabling (special meeting)	Wednesday, November 13
Council – Budget Tabling	Wednesday, November 13
Council – Budget Consideration for Adoption	**Wednesday, December 11**

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Committee Budget Deliberations

City Council

Transit Commission
- OC Transpo
- Para Transpo
- LRT Operations

November 18

Environment and Climate Change Committee
- Drinking Water
- Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Solid Waste
- Forestry
- Infrastructure
- Asset Management

November 19

Planning and Housing Committee
- Building Code
- Housing (Capital)
- Planning and Long-Range Land Use

November 20

Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee
- Emergency Services
- Fire
- Paramedics
- By-law
- Public Safety

November 21

Community Services Committee
- Parks Maintenance
- Facility Operations
- Recreation Programs
- Childrens Services
- Long-term Care
- Employment Services

November 26

Transportation Committee
- Fleet
- Traffic
- Roads
- Parking
- Transportation Planning

November 28

Finance and Corporate Services Committee
- Elected Officials
- City Clerks
- Finance/HR/IT
- Supply Services
- LRT Stage 2
- Economic Development

December 3

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
- Rural Affairs
- Rural Development Review

December 5

Audit Committee	November 25
Police Services Board	November 25
Board of Health	December 2
Public Library Board	December 3

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2025 Budget Enhancements

- Based on councillor and public consultations following the 2024 budget
- Enhancements are focused on improving budget literacy, transparency and removing barriers to participation
- Enhancements include:
  - 2025 Draft Budget Explorer (web based, user friendly, condensed and interactive version of the budget books)
    - New look and feel, including the use of more visuals
  - Added more of what you need to know in our Budget Magazine
  - Investments explained in a simpler manner
  - Focus on investment in services and programs residents rely on and are interested in
  - Enhanced content on ottawa.ca, Engage Ottawa, and social media

Term of Council Priorities

Questions?