



REPORT

2025 Budget Committee

Meeting Date: June 17, 2024

FROM: Office of the Mayor

DATE: June 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Draft Mayoral Direction to Staff Regarding the Preparation of the 2025 Annual Budget

LOCATION: Town-wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Budget Committee endorse the draft Mayoral Direction to Staff for the preparation of the 2025 annual budget and provide any additional advice.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- In accordance with the strong mayor powers and duties assigned to the Mayor of the Town as of July 1, 2023, the Mayor may now exercise the powers of the municipality to direct employees to carry out duties related to the exercise of the power or performance of the duty, including implementing any decisions made by the Mayor under Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act*.
- The Mayor has also been assigned the powers and duties of the municipality with respect to proposing and adopting a budget.
- Appendix A attached to this report includes a draft Mayoral Direction to staff regarding the preparation of the 2025 Annual Budget.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the strong mayors legislation, and specifically s. 284.3(b) of the *Municipal Act*, the Mayor may now exercise the powers of the municipality to direct employees to carry out duties related to the exercise of the power or performance of the duty, including implementing any decisions made by the Mayor. The Mayor has also been assigned the powers and duties of the municipality with respect to proposing and adopting a budget, pursuant to s. 284.16 of the Act.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Appendix A attached to this report includes a draft Mayoral Direction to staff regarding the preparation of a balanced 2025 Annual Budget.

At this meeting, the Mayor will also call for nominations to be recommended by the Budget Committee to the Mayor for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

The Budget Committee meeting is open to the public and will be streamed online.

(B) FINANCIAL

The budget establishes the financing of the corporation for the 2025 fiscal year.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

All departments participate in the budget process.

(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal(s) to:

- support a transparent and accountable government.

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

N/A

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Draft Mayoral Direction to Staff regarding the preparation of a balanced 2025 Annual Budget.

Submitted by:

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