

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

Public Board Meeting
June 22, 2022

Report of the Chief of Police

2023 Operating and Capital Budget Direction

1. Recommendation

That the Board endorse the proposed timeline for the development and approval of the 2023 Operating and Capital budgets as outlined in Table 1.

2. Summary

This report provides information on budget allocations received from York Region's Treasurer Strueby and seeks the Board's endorsement of the proposed budget development timelines.

Key Points:

- The 2023 Operating budget allocation is a net tax levy of \$381,257,567 excluding contributions to capital reserves, as a result of estimates calculated by York Region's fiscal impact study
- The Operating outlook budget allocations are \$395.1 million in 2024, \$410.4 million in 2025 and \$426.1 million in 2026, excluding contributions to capital reserves
- The budget allocation for the 2023 Capital budget totals \$18,268,000, a \$566,000 increase from an outlook provided last year due to a 3.2% inflation adjustment
- Finalization by the Board at its November 9, 2022 meeting, will facilitate meeting the timeline requirements of York Region's budget process

3. Background

YORK REGION TIMELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2023 BUDGET

At its May 26, 2022 meeting, Regional Council approved a Committee of the Whole report from Acting Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer Kelly Strueby that set out a budget direction for 2023. The timelines adopted in the report include the Board's review of the York Regional Police budget in November 2022 and proposed Regional Council approval tentatively for February 2023. The report discussed a number of key topics including risks and uncertainty related to the pandemic, the potential impact of the Yonge North Subway Extension project, the benefits of the multi-year budget approach, the assessment framework for potential savings along with an emphasis of sustainability to align with the Region's Fiscal Strategy. For reference purposes, the 2023 Budget Directions report is enclosed as an attachment.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM TREASURER STRUEBY

Since 2014, the Treasurer has provided York Regional Police with multi-year budget allocations to assist with communication between our two organizations in the development of the budget. Noting that the Board has no formal obligation to consider this initial communication, the budget allocations have traditionally resulted in the desired close communication needed between finance staff of both organizations.

The 2023 to 2026 budget allocations were informed by a fiscal impact study conducted by Treasurer Strueby's Fiscal Planning team. Financial Services staff was consulted throughout the study with submissions made concerning many of the issues reviewed with the Board in prior budget years including crime trends, workload analysis, social trends, efficiency initiatives, modernization initiatives, demographics and economic conditions on community safety and wellbeing. For 2023, it was noted a key deliverable of the annual budget is to allocate resources to allow the organization to achieve its priorities and objectives in the Board's upcoming Business Plan.

For 2023, the Operating budget allocation totals a net tax levy of \$381,257,567 excluding contributions to capital reserves. The outlook year Operating budget allocations are \$395.1 million in 2024, \$410.4 million in 2025 and \$426.1 million in 2026, or a 3.7 percent average increase per year.

The 2023 Capital budget allocations were based on prior year estimates and adjusted 3.2 percent for inflation, for a total of \$18,268,000. A Capital outlook over ten years was provided totalling \$216.6 million, along with communication regarding a 2033 to 2044 outlook.

4. Analysis

For the fall budget deliberations, a proposal will be prepared to meet the budget allocations outlined in this report. The intent of this proposal is to provide the Board with a briefing on changes necessitated by financial restraint; namely, more efficient ways of delivering existing

programs and services, adjusting service levels or scaling back planned increases in certain areas. In years where the budget allocations are insufficient to meet the needs of public safety, those options would also be prepared for consideration.

PROPOSED BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Table 1 provides the proposed timeline for the development of the 2023 budget.

Table 1

Proposed Budget Development Timeline

Key Activities / Milestones	Date
Internal budget call letter and kick-off	May 2022
Internal Officer-in-Charge submissions	May-June 2022
2023 Operating and Capital Budget Direction	June 22, 2022
Executive Command Team Reviews	July 2022
Submissions to York Region's Office of the Budget	August 2022
Police Services Board Reviews	September 2022
Tentative approval by the Police Services Board	November 2022
Tentative presentation to Committee of the Whole	January 2023
Tentative approval by Regional Council	February 2023

Reporting Requirements

Section 39 of the *Police Services Act* requires budget estimates to be provided in the timelines and formats as established by Council. The adoption of Table 1 with a November approval by the Board will align with the timelines as communicated by Treasurer Strueby.

5. Financial

The financial implications related to the 2023 budget allocations will be brought forward in the fall to inform the Board's budget deliberations.

6. Conclusion

It is therefore recommended that the Board endorse the timeline for the 2023 Budget for a tentative approval by November 2022.

Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

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Chief of Police

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Attachments (1) 2023 Budget Directions, May 5, 2022