



Budget Engagement 2027-2030

Edmonton

How is the money used?

There are two main parts to the 2027-2030 budget: the operating budget and the capital budget. There are also separate budgets for City-owned utilities—Waste Services, Blatchford Renewable Energy and Downtown District Energy—and a climate budget.

Operating Budget

The operating budget is about the money the City uses every day to run the programs and services we rely on, like:

- Maintaining the roads and public transit that help people get where they want to go
- Police, bylaws and fire rescue services to keep people safe
- Recreation activities, parks and social programs and leisure activities that make Edmonton a great place to live, work and visit

Capital Budget

The capital budget is about the money the City uses for infrastructure. It's for what the City builds, from new structures to maintaining and extending the life of our existing buildings including:

- Roads
- Bridges
- LRT expansion
- Recreation centres
- Fire halls
- Police stations
- Libraries
- Equipment like buses, fire trucks and technology

There are limits to what the City can afford to provide and setting four-year operating budget and capital budgets will be about making choices and trade-offs. There are over 1.2 million Edmontonians relying on City services and infrastructure every day.

The City of Edmonton is building the next four-year budget. The budget maps out how the City will get money (revenues) and how we will spend it (expenditures).

City Council will approve the City's revenues and expenditures in the 2027-2030 budget in late 2026, and will make minor adjustments each year in response to any emerging needs.