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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin today, January 4, announcing the start of the 2023 budget engagement process. Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 1 pm.

Working with Ipsos, staff also will be undertaking a demographically representative market research Civic Satisfaction Survey, focusing on level of resident and business satisfaction, service priorities and preferred funding mechanisms. The City conducts this survey on a bi-annual basis to better understand and track changes in public priorities and sentiment around City services. A summary of these market research and engagement findings will be available in February 2023.

Best,  
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## **Public invited to share feedback on City spending in 2023**

The City is seeking public input on municipal spending priorities for 2023, as part of its annual budget engagement process.

The [2023 Draft Current State Budget](#) includes a forecast of revenue and expenditure challenges, taking into consideration inflation and rising costs in 2023. It outlines an operating budget of \$1.9B to maintain existing programs and service levels and proposes an increase of property taxes and fees to fund that status quo service provision.

### **Ways to get involved:**

1. Visit [shapeyourcity.ca/budget](https://shapeyourcity.ca/budget) to learn more (translations available in English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese and Punjabi)
2. Complete a comment form on [shapeyourcity.ca/budget](https://shapeyourcity.ca/budget) or by calling 3-1-1
3. [Register to speak](#) when City Council reviews the draft budget next month
4. [Contact Mayor and Council](#) directly to provide feedback on the draft budget

On December 6, 2022, City Council voted to approve the 2023 capital budget and deferred the 2023 operating budget to the spring for further consideration. The final budget, including the property tax rate, will be determined by Council in March in order to meet the property tax billing cycle. Public feedback will be gathered into a public-facing report that will help inform City Council's decision.

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