

General Committee
2015 Budget Update
February 23rd, 2015



Markham Southeast Community Centre & Library



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Agenda

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2. Councillor Budget Requests
3. Operating Budget
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1. Capital Budget

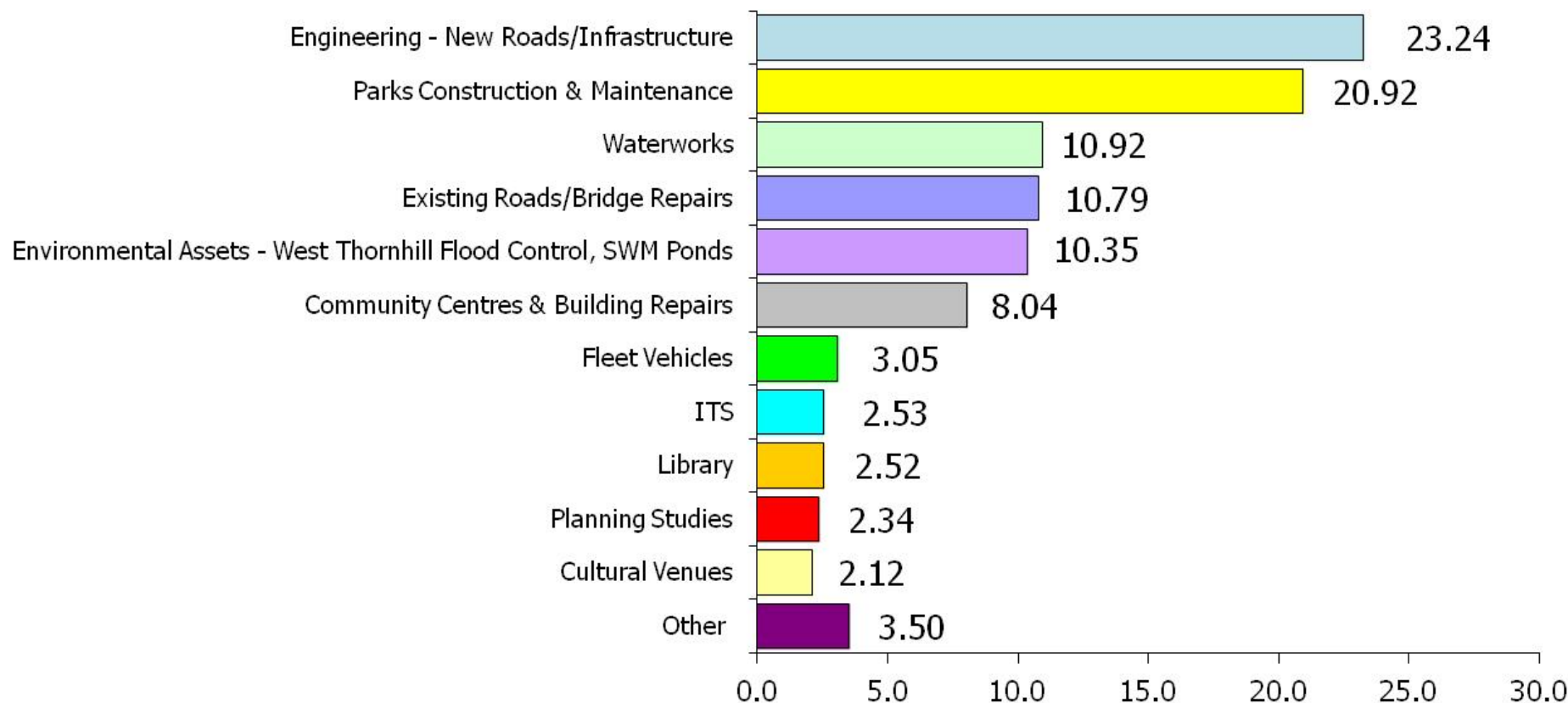
- Budget Committee reviewed the remaining 227 capital projects at the Feb. 4th and Feb. 9th meetings, and approved all projects with the exception of :
 - Project 15059 "Miller Avenue: Warden to Birchmount – Phase 1 (Property)"
 - Project 15061 "Miller Avenue: Warden to Birchmount – Phase 1 of 6 (Design)"
- Staff will provide more information on the projects above at the March 9th Budget Committee meeting

Pre-Approved	# Projects	\$
First Request: September 23rd	13	26,647,500
Second Request: November 17th	33	8,527,500
Total Pre-Approved	46	35,175,000
Projects reviewed by Budget Committee	227	65,145,700
Total	273	100,320,700



1. Capital Budget

Total \$100.32M (\$ Millions)





1. Capital Budget

Highlights of 2015 Capital Projects

1. New Parks Design and Construction	\$12.80
2. Environmental Asset Program (includes Flood Control Implementation – West Thornhill)	\$10.35
3. Watermain and Sanitary Sewer construction and replacement program	\$ 6.23
4. Roads rehabilitation program	\$ 5.34
5. Hwy 404 Bridge North of Hwy 7 – Additional Funding for Construction (Overall cost: \$38.44, Markham's share including this request: \$12.44)	\$ 5.03
6. Emerald Ash Borer Program – Year 3 of 5	\$ 4.53
7. Municipal Road South of 14 th Avenue – Middlefield to 14 th Avenue – Construction	\$ 4.01
8. Multi-use Pathways – Phase 2 of 5 – Construction	\$ 3.96
9. Play Structure Replacements	\$ 0.88
10. Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements – Phase 5 of 6 (Audible)	\$ 0.12



2. Councillor Budget Requests

- Total of 58 Councillor Budget Requests were submitted. Responses from Staff were reviewed and received by the Committee
- Based on the review, the 2015 Budget will include financial impact from the following Councillor Budget Requests :

Request #10: Replace Big Bellies with conventional heritage style waste and recycling containers on Main Street Unionville.

Response: Based on operational issues and community feedback it has been determined this was not the most suitable application for these units. These units will be redeployed to community centres which is a more appropriate location.

Budget impact: Purchase heritage style waste and recycling containers in the amount of \$24k to be funded from the Capital Budget.



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2. Councillor Budget Requests

Request #30: Provide postcard, or pull out in Markham life to include emergency contact numbers as discussed in the Ice Storm Public Meeting.

Response: A single page (double sided) perforated pull out on Emergency Management will cost \$2,800. Markham Life currently includes emergency management messaging and contact numbers.

Staff will investigate other options that will allow for an extended shelf life, as well as partnership opportunities to mitigate the costs.



3. Operating Budget

	<u>\$ in M</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>
Status as of on Jan. 23/15	\$4.84	3.81%
New Staffing Request adjustments	(\$0.25)	
Pan Am facility - One-time net revenue adjustment	(\$0.17) *	
Deferral of future staff ramp-up for Milliken Mills Library expansion and Operations works yard	(\$0.13)	
Museum and Theatre - Business development strategy to reduce subsidies (\$0.05M each)	(\$0.10) *	
Implementation of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs)	(\$0.10) *	
Modification of service awards program based on preliminary analysis	(\$0.05)	
Finance fee increases (over and above CPI) based on municipal comparators	(\$0.04)	
School Crossing Guards reduction in lunch time service (14 locations)	(\$0.03)	
Business mission trips - reduction from 3 Councillors to 2 Councillors per trip, 2 trips/year	(\$0.02)	
Other adjustments - Legal, Fire, Sustainability, Operations	(\$0.19)	
Revised 2015 Operating Budget shortfall	<u>\$3.78</u>	<u>2.98%</u>

* Funded from the Ramp-up Reserve

- Budget Committee directed staff to identify further opportunities to reduce the budget shortfall.



3. Operating Budget

	2014 \$	2015 \$	Increase/ (Decrease) \$	Tax Rate Increase %
Revenues	187.59	191.09	3.50	
Expenditures				
Personnel	111.49	115.84	4.35	
Non-Personnel	76.10	78.82	2.72	
Total Expenditures	187.59	194.66	7.07	
Net Shortfall	-	3.57	3.57	2.82%
Ice Storm (Year 2 of 3)	-	0.21	0.21	0.16%
Net Shortfall	-	3.78	3.78	2.98%



4. Next Steps

1. Markham Action Group for Improved Community (MAGIC) meeting – Wednesday, February 25th, 2015
2. Public Meeting – Wednesday, March 4th, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Council Chamber
3. Budget Committee Meeting – Monday March 9th, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 2015 Celebrate Markham Grant Allocation
4. General Committee – Monday, March 23rd, 2015 – Budget Recommendation
5. Council Decision – Tuesday, March 31st, 2015
6. Press Conference – Wednesday, April 1st, 2015