

Report to Council



Date: December 5, 2022
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: 2023 Financial Plan – Preliminary Budget Volume Overview
Department: Financial Planning

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives for information, the presentation from the Financial Services Division dated December 5, 2022 with respect to the 2023 Financial Plan – Preliminary Budget Volume.

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the 2023 Financial Plan – Preliminary Budget Volume.

Background:

Local Governments must adopt a Financial Plan, in accordance with the Local Government Act and the Community Charter before May 15 each year. The City of Kelowna's Financial Plan is made up of three budget volumes: Preliminary, Carryover and Final.

The attached presentation provides a summary of the key financial impacts for the 2023 Financial Plan – Preliminary Budget Volume prior to Budget Deliberation Day on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

The City of Kelowna works to maintain a secure financial position while being fiscally innovative to help enable the organization to respond, adapt, and rescale where necessary. We do this by using guidance from our strong Imagine Kelowna vision, sound master plans and well-defined Council Priorities in the financial decisions we make including the annual Financial Plan. This plan prioritizes investments today, while also remaining fiscally responsible, to build a strong future for tomorrow.

The 2023 Financial plan prioritizes financial prudence amid inflation to keep the tax rate as low as possible. Additional priorities include but are not limited to protecting existing infrastructure, investing in community safety, addressing social wellness, focusing on active or alternative transportation initiatives, improving effective digital transformation, and protecting our natural environment addressing climate action through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

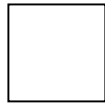
Municipalities are not permitted to run a deficit, therefore the City is committed to operate within a balanced budget. This financial plan encourages diversity of revenue sources such as reserves, grants and other revenues to reduce the reliance on taxation, but taxation remains an essential piece of the overall source of funding. The 2023 Preliminary Budget proposes an overall 4.01 per cent tax increase that includes a Municipal taxation impact of 3.01 per cent and a 1.0 per cent Public Safety Levy.

Through strong financial management and clear budgeting processes, we look towards an inclusive and sustainable future.

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